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THE BUSINESS MEN

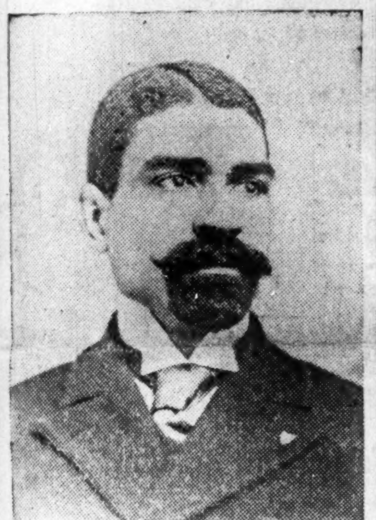
WHO STAND IN THE FRONT RANK OF THE QUEEN CITY.

MR. J. H. MILLER, THE CATERER,

Has Achieved Marvelous Success in His Chosen Profession—Physicians who Have Climbed the Ladder of Fame to the Top Most Round.

(By a Staff Correspondent.)

Cincinnati, O., Special.—Dr. E. Duval Colley, of 437 Pioneer street, is one of the most positive forces in medicine in the



Dr. E. DUVAL COLLEY.

Queen City, being a specialist in both surgery and obstetrics. Dr. Colley was born in Starksville, Miss., 35 years ago and was graduated from the Medical Department of Howard University, Washington, D. C. After graduation he came to Cincinnati for location and has been in active and lucrative practice here five years. He is the founder of the Colley Hospital for Women, which has been in operation five years. He is one of the forces of the True Reformers and is medical examiner for them, likewise being a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine. His practice extends to white and colored people alike, and all have the utmost confidence in him. A wife and son share the material parts of an interesting family.

Dr. Louis Alexander Cornish, Jr., is the youngest practicing physician in Cincinnati, but during the three years he has been in business here he has managed to build up an exceedingly creditable patronage. Dr. Cornish was born in Washington, D. C., 28 years ago and is a graduate of Howard University. He has also had promotive experience in Freedman's Hospital, Washington, and in Cincinnati is a leading and spirited figure in the K. of P.'s, U. B. F.'s, Odd Fellows and True Reformers. He is happy in the possession of an interesting wife and among his less important properties he takes great pride in a handsome "rig"—that is, horse and buggy. Dr. Cornish's prestige hereabouts is quite pronounced.

Dr. N. C. Vaughn, 2633 Park avenue, is a physician of large and lucrative practice among members of the two great races, all of which practice has been built up within the past six years. Dr. Vaughn is a thoroughly fitted physician, having graduated from the Medical Department of Shaw University, in North Carolina; Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia; Howard University, Washington; Meharry Medical College, Nashville. Dr. Vaughn is a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine and of the Medical Society of Pennsylvania and is highly esteemed by both. Besides, he is a prominent figure in the several lodges, holding membership, grips for the Odd Fellows, True Reformers and U. B. F.'s, and for the organization last named he is medical examiner. Dr. Vaughn has an interesting and intelligent family and his equipage—horse and buggy—is without question the finest in the city. The doctor is yet a young man—only 34—and we may look for him to take even higher rank in the medical fraternity North, as all members of the F. F. V.'s are satisfied with nothing less than the highest.

It can be said that among the eminent physicians of this city Dr. W. A. B. Kerr is among the most prominent. He was born in the capital of Hayti 38 years ago, and was graduated from the Electic Institute, this city, and has followed his profession here since 1889. He is married and has three bright children, a dutiful wife and the confidence of his fellow citizens. He is happy, so no man could wish more. He will be found at on John street.

Dr. J. C. Erwin, 603 W. Eighth street, graduated from Howard University, Washington, D. C., and has followed his profession in Cincinnati since 1896. He has an excellent practice among both white and colored people. He is the physician for the Deaconess Home and for the Colored Orphan Asylum, and a member of the Cincinnati Academy of Medicine. He belongs to the people and is medical examiner for the Odd Fellows, U. B. F.'s, K. of P.'s Knights of Tabor and Good Samaritans.

Of Mr. J. H. Miller, the caterer, the writer cannot improve on what the Cincinnati Merchant and Manufacturer says. The writer repeats what that paper says of him in a recent issue: "At least one caterer in Cincinnati—Mr. John H. Miller, of 416 Plum street—knows what is nutritive, indispensable or in excess. His delicate art has taught him to arouse agreeable sensations in the palate without bringing about an abnormal state of excitation. At great banquets Mr. Miller keeps the success of table constantly in view. He never recommends any object or style of furnishing or decoration that will become an obstacle or barrier to the light of the eye or the eloquence of the tongue. The manner in which John H. Miller conducts his business shows that the profession of catering is one of the highest

DR. JAMES C. ERWIN.

developments of the arts of social life. Perhaps it would be more correct to say that men like him are indispensable to that form of social life which is capable of the finest and most varied treatment. In times gone by, and even now in the higher circle of European society, gastronomic seduction is the hand-maid of courtly deception. Of all men Talleyrand knew well how much he had been helped by his table and cellars in manipulating the reconstruction of Europe. The lamp of letters burned dimly, throwing fitful flashes through the pervading gloom; sculpture and painting had retrograded, but gastronomy did not wane. The kitchen fires were always blazing, and tables in the refactories did not suffer. Catering, as well as climate, has shaped the destinies of nations, and men of Mr. Miller's talent are continuing to do so up to the present day."

E. D. Toles' place—saloon and restaurant—at 122 E. Washington street, Springfield, O., is one of the first class resorts of its kind in that city. Excursionists always find polite service and suitable accommodations here. Cool and refreshing beverages pleasing to every taste of the inner man are ready to be served at short notice and the meals, always seasonable, are of the sort that an epicure would relish. Your visit to Springfield has been marred if you have not regaled yourself at genial Mr. Toles' place.

J. D. HOWARD.

The Gay Society Whirl.

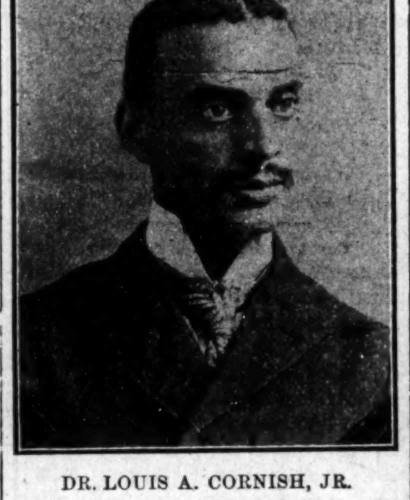
St. Louis, Mo., Special.—Miss Emma Wilson, of Chicago, is the guest of Mrs. John Rucker, also Miss Lucy Fields, of Columbus, O., who found her quite ill. She has been sick since her return from Indianapolis and Columbus.

Knoxville College Commencement.

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—The commencement exercises of Knoxville college will be held from June 8th to 11th. On June 8th the baccalaureate sermon will be preached by the president, R. W. McGranahan, and the annual sermon to the Young People's organizations will be preached by Rev. W. S. Harper, D. D., of Pittsburg, Pa. On Monday, June 9th, at 2 o'clock, will be held the graduating exercises of the Normal department. At 8 p. m. the grand concert by the Music department of the college will be given. On Tuesday, June 10th, at 2 p. m., will be addresses by Dr. M. C. B. Mason, secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, of Cincinnati, and Dr. W. S. Harper. At 8 p. m. the Annual oration and Declamation contest between the literary societies will be given. Wednesday, June 11th, is commencement day. The graduates from the College department number four. Diplomas will be presented to graduates from all the departments and an address to the Literary societies will be made by Dr. J. M. Moore, of Chase City, Va. Reduced rates of one and one-third fare from all points in the South are offered. Tickets can be purchased from June 3d to June 9th coming, and when the ticket is procured there should be gotten from the selling agent a certificate showing that full fare was paid coming, and return tickets can be purchased at one cent a mile. This is a rare opportunity to visit the institution and enjoy a pleasant time on the shady campus. If the weather is pleasant most of the exercises will take place in a tent on the campus. The return ticket can be purchased as late as June 24th.

Public Schools Closed.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Special.—The city schools closed on the 23d ult., after one of the most successful terms in the history of our public schools. Prof. Sharpp is principal and it is hoped that he will be retained during his natural life. The closing exercises were held at Caloway Baptist church, and the children showed wonderful talent and rendered an excellent program. The house was filled to overflowing and all were pleased with the exercises. J. Woods, of E. Grand avenue, has gone to Grand Rapids, Mich., to get married. The waiters of this city had their annual sermon preached at Calvary Baptist church on the 25th ult. Quite a large audience was present. The colored people of the city own



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considerable property and are engaged in many business enterprises. The A. M. E. church has one of the best choirs in the territory. The editor of the Western World was in Elreno last week. This city has five colored churches and four lodges all in a prosperous condition.

District Conference Meets.

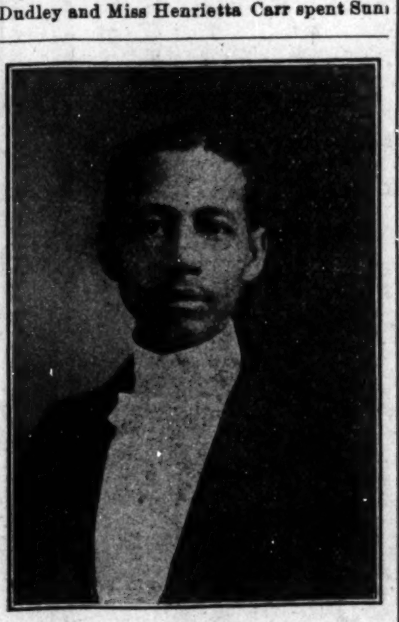
Troy, Ala., Special.—District conference convened in this city on May 14th at 9 a. m., Rev. W. W. Frazier presiding. After devotional exercises the conference elected Rev. R. L. Pope, D. D., of Troy, secretary, and Rev. G. H. Upshaw, assistant secretary. Every part of the district was well represented. The conference was well pleased with the spiritual feast from on high. Rev. R. L. Pope preached the annual sermon on Wednesday evening, which was a powerful effort. Rev. G. H. Upshaw preached the educational sermon Thursday evening. Rev. W. W. Frazier, P. E., and Rev. W. W. Walker preached the spiritual sermons of the occasion. It was evident that the spirit of God was in the meeting. Collection $101.50. The town was greatly benefitted by the meeting and would be pleased to have more of the same kind. The Freeman is growing popular here and has a great many readers. Those wishing The Freeman can secure it at McLure & Simmons' barber shop every Saturday.

News of the Pacific Slops.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—Mesdames Grace Abney, J. B. Rian and Viola Spikes left on the 26th ult., for San Francisco, to be absent about two weeks. Mrs. Rian sang at a special service at the A. M. E. church in 'Frisco on the 2d inst. Mrs. Maggie Henderson and daughter, of Galveston, Tex., are at the home of Mrs. Godfrey. They will live here in the future. Miss Emma White, a teacher in the Kansas City public schools, is the guest of Mrs. Ida B. Neimore. Mrs. Della B. Sampson, of Sacramento, is the guest of Mrs. K. J. Barr. The Women's club is preparing to give an outing at one of the beaches soon. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Moxley, of Santa Monica, gave a pleasant outing on the 12th ult., to a number of their Los Angeles friends. J. L. Edmunds, publisher of the Liberator, has sold his ranch at Pasadena and purchased another tract of land near the Soldiers' home, where he intends to build and make it his country home. Miss Irene Stillwell and Tom Holland were married on the 1st inst. Miss Rose Sprinkley and Charles Crighter were married on the 29th ult. Rev. Wright, of Austin, Tex., who has been assisting Rev. Anderson in his revival at Second Baptist church, preached his farewell sermon to a large audience, on the 25th ult. He will leave for his home shortly. Pacific Lodge No. 1, will give their second annual picnic on the 17th inst. A good time is contemplated. The Entre Nous club gave an entertainment at Blanchard hall on the 28th ult., which was quite enjoyable. Get The Freeman at 242 Second street every Saturday.

News from Shelbyville.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.—Frank Hodge of Indianapolis was visiting parents here last week. Mrs Beecham of Indianapolis, who has been the guest of A S Hodge, has left for a visit in Columbus. Mr. Roberts of Rushville was the guest of Miss Mary Taylor last week. Miss Rose Dent, who has been teaching school here, has returned to here home in Springfield, O. Miss Lena Kirk, of Indianapolis, was the guest of her sister, Miss Luemma Kirk, last Sunday. George Mitchell was in Cincinnati Sunday the guest of his sister, Mrs. Carpenter. Stephen Smith, of Indianapolis, was visiting his parents here Sunday. John Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis, Miss Laura Butler, Mrs. Frank Bell and Miss Mary Brooks spent Sunday in Madison. John Barker, of Indianapolis, was visiting friends here Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Mrs. Wm. Dudley and Miss Henrietta Carr spent Sun-



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day in Cincinnati. Shelbyville should be proud of two colored graduates, John Hodge and Thomas Crissom. They graduated with the largest class since 1891, and were congratulated on all sides for their excellent orations. Mrs. A. L. Hodge entertained a number of young people and the Marine Band on the 28th ult., in honor of John Hodge, who was the recipient of many nice presents. Covers were laid and guests were served in dainty courses.

Personal and Interesting Items.

Ironton, Mo., Special.—H. F. Boyd left for Potosi on Saturday, May 31, where he will assist in setting up an organization of the Pythian order. Mrs. Mary Polly of this city is reported very ill. Mrs. Joseph Scott and siste., Mrs. Susa Booker, were called here recently from Illinois by the illness of their mother. A base ball team from Farmington crossed bats with our home team June 1st. Rev. Smalley, pastor of the M. E. church, was called to Clarksville by the death of his sister. An excursion train from St. Louis, May 25, brought a large number of visitors to our city. Lewis Johnson and wife of Leeper, Mo., visited relatives here recently. Mrs. L. C. Vaughn spent several days in St. Louis last week. Little Miss Nadean Boyd returned home May 27 from Potosi, where she has been visiting relatives. Miss Daisy Lankford of Potosi is spending a few days here. A. W. Lloyd, grand chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of the State of Missouri, visited Pythagoras Lodge No. 30 recently.

Under the Lime Light.

Memphis, Tenn., Special.—The revival season among the churches it seems has been quite a success. Every one reports a large number of converts. One of the prettiest sights to behold is that of a creature acknowledging its Creator. The world admires a little child loving, adoring and trusting the word of its mother, and the reverence of mankind for womankind. But here is something that outstrips them all. The world will always honor and respect a true religious person. Devils will before him fly. Of course no hypocrite will lay a claim to the power of God from on high, as this power is only given to those who read and obey his word. Those who have true religion have a thing of infinite value—a thing that will make them find favor among the people and will make them trusted in every vocation. All they will have to do is to let their light shine. On a dark night we are always glad to see the electric or gas lights. This world is a dark place and is always glad to see a firm christian. Some people who have seen so much of the dark side of the life of some preachers of God's word, throw up their hands in despair, saying, "We will no longer listen to what the churches say." But do they not know it is written, "All, therefore, whatsoever they bid ye observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works, for they say and do not." Hell is their portion unless they repent. "Negroes must work," says the fire and police commissioners. They want idle hands to get to the farms. We have no kick to make as it is written that "man must earn his living by the sweat of his brow." It is further said that the Negro preferred to loaf around town subsisting via. the back door route upon the family rations handed out by the cooks. We admit that some of our cooks, like all others, may be guilty of such, but the majority of those who carry pans, are not guilty of supporting rounders, but are assisting their little ones and those unable to work. Those people of a christian nature who are able to have more than their own can eat will not complain, as they know the story of the rich man's olives and the poor man Lazarus. Prof. Councill said in his address before the Alcorn A. and M. College last week, that he believed that the time would come when the religion of Jesus Christ would reign within the hearts of all people. This is the only solution of the so called Negro problem.

DR. N. C. VAUGHN.

We are your servants submitted to the will in common judgment of the people. This being true we only ask your protection to the amount of $1.50, less than 3c per week.

ENERGETIC NEGROES

BUSINESS PLACES THAT ARE OPERATED BY COLORED MEN.

A BRILLIANT CHURCH CANTATA.

A Bird's-Eye View of a Few Men who are Making History for the Race, and are Getting Their Share of This World's Goods—Society Doings.

Columbus, O., Special.—There seams to be no end to our young business colored men of this city, as every day or two you will see a business place open up by some of our colored men, but the latest and most elaborate places are the two magnificent sample rooms and billiard halls at 35 and 37 East Long street in the busy part of the city second to no white place in the city, own by Kirk Brown. At 51 and 53 East Long street, Samuel Clark has a place known for its neatness and artistical design. It cannot be beat any anywhere. The writer has had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Clark from a boy up and has always found in him that zeal and business tact that goes to make a good, successful business man. Across the street at No. 18, you will find the Merchantile Investment Co., which handles a first-class line of shoes managed by Thomas Chavis, a gentleman who is obliging and courteous at all time. And a dozen of other colored enterprises which at this time we have not space to mention, but will from time to time give a review of the colored business colored men and women of the capital city. A cantata was rendered this week June 5 and 6 at St. Paul A. M. E. Church. Miss Ida May Mos-, who has been on the sick list for some time, is reported able to be up again. Mr. Williams of Chillicothe, Ohio, was in the city a few days ago. The drama given Tuesday night, May 27, by the Amateur Dramatic Club was well attended, but will say to the company they should learn their parts before coming on the stage. The "Villain" should go way back and sit down. He fanned the air with his hands like a drowning duck, and his voice sounded like a squeaking wood chuck. The servant and old maid's part were well taken. The doctor's wife must learn to speak louder and the doctor himself, with a little more steam in his voice, could have been heard a little better. C. S. Foster and wife of Richmond, Va., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bowles, 654 Mt. Vernon avenue. The writer, on going down High street the other day, happened to drop in Mr. Well's photograph gallery, 262½ S. High street, and am proud to say that without a doubt it is one of the finest art galleries in the State of Ohio. Not only should Mr. Wells be proud of his establishment, but the colored people of this city should feel proud to know that they have a photographer of their own race second to none. On entering his place one is greatly impressed by the neatness and cleanness of the place. His workmanship is of the best quality and his styles are the latest. His winning ways and business tact will always bring him friends, both black and white.

Successful Two Weeks' Meeting.

Denison, Tex., Special.—Sunday, the 25th ult., was a high day with the Hope Wel Baptist church. Rev. W. T. Bartlett, the pastor, closed a two weeks' meeting with thirty two additions. At high noon Rev. Bartlett baptized twenty-two happy souls in the presence of 1,000 people. Rev. Bartlett is the right man in the right place, for it has been more than ten years since the town has been so revived. Mrs. Dr. J. M. Mosby, Josephine Harris and Nancy Williams are on the sick list.

MR. JOHN H. MILLER.

Sent Free to Men.

A Most Remarkable Remedy That Quickly Restores Lost Vigor To Men.

A Free Trial Package Sent By Mail To All Who Write.

Free trial packages of a most remarkable remedy are being mailed to all who will write the State Medical Institute. They cured so many men who had battled for years against the mental and physical suffering of lost manhood that the Institute has decided to distribute free trial packages to all who write. It is a home treatment and all men who suffer with any form of sexual weakness resulting from youthful folly, premature loss of strengh and memory, weak back, varicocele, or emaciation of parts can now cure themselves at home.

The remedy has a peculiarly grateful effect of warmth and seems to act direct to the desired location giving strength and development just where it is needed. It cures all the ills and troubles that come from years of misuse of the natural functions and has been an absolute success in all cases. A request to the State Medical Institute 1614 Elektron Building Ft. Wayne, Ind., stating you desire one of their free trial packages will be complied with promptly. The Institute is desirous of reaching that great class of men who are unable to leave home to be treated and the free sample will enable them to see how easy it is to be cured of sexual weakness when the proper remedies are employed. The Institute makes no restrictions. Any man who writes will be sent a free sample, carefully sealed in a plain package so that its recipient need have no fear of embarrassment or publicty. Readers are requested to write without delay.

THE WAITER....

[BY W. FORREST COZART.]

The Waiters' column in The Freeman was greatly increased in space and good newsy reading matter from the pen of many young ambitious waiters. The article of May 18, by W. E. Payne of the Ithaca grill room, Ithaca, N. Y., was written with an inspiration, and it is a decidedly successful concise statement, with regard to the waiters, thus modest conditions. Extend him my most sincere congratulations and best wishes; such talented young men should have all possible encouragements, as they are true stepping stones to successful headwaiters.

From Mobile, Alabama.

The Waiters' and Cooks' annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. F. Owens will long be remembered in Mobile. The members (125 strong) all turned out. They gave the church a large donation. The oration delivered by J. S. Davis reflected much credit on the union. Right you are, Chicago Union. The side waiters ought to have been recognized by the first Head and Second Waiters' Association. Instead they ignore us. As it only requires five members, let us call a convention of ourselves. They can bar us from their conventions, but they need us when they accept a position. Together we will stand and divided we will fall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Forrest Cozart celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary, May 28.

W. Forrest Cozart has been re-engaged as headwaiter the coming fall and winter season at the Hot Sulphur Wells San Antonio, Tex.

Silas Bowers is the efficient headwaiter at the Driscol Hotel, Austin, Tex. Mr. Bowers formerly lived in Kansas City.

The white waiters employed in Wright's restaurant, Kansas City went on a strike recently and colored waiters were put in their places. The white waiters being union men the restaurant was boycotted by the labor union.

The Colored Mammy Given the Place of Honor at a Fashionable Baltimore Wedding.

There was a very picturesque feature of the Dulany-Porter wedding this week which appealed to the hearts of the many who witnessed it. This was the presence, as a guest of honor, of Miss Elizabeth Palmer, the colored mammy of the young bride and of her mother before her. Mammy was a personal attendant of Miss Emily Chatard Higinbothom, daughter of Ralph Higinbothom, and followed her young mistress to her new home when she became the wife of John M. Dulany. Each little child added to the house became the special charge of mammy, and when the young mother died it was she who comforted the sorrowing little brood and vowed solemnly never to leave them, and she never has. As each daughter of the house marries mammy promises to go with her, but weakens at the last moment in solicitude for the younger ones still needing her care, so that the last one to marry may flatter herself that mammy will probably fulfill her promise when her turn comes. At the marriage of Miss Sara Clarke Dulany all the ushers vied with one another for the privilege of escorting mammy to her seat, but the first born of her flock, William M. Dulany, would relinquish his rights to none and tenderly escorted the faithful servant to her place, the little scene awakening in many hearts memories of days before the civil war, when the colored family servant held a position of honor and love in the household.—Baltimore Sun.

Cost One Hundred Dollars a Plate.

A garden scene in the time of Henry VIII., King of England, husband of wives and Defender of the Faith, was reproduced May 10th in the ballroom of the Hotel Schenley, Pittsburg, as a suggestion for a "private dinner" to Charles M. Schwab, president of the United States Steel corporation, and his associates, by W. E. Corey, president of the Carnegie Steel company. A lavish expenditure of money produced a vivid effect, and certainly the most beautiful that has been seen in Pittsburg for years. There were over thirty invited guests, associates of President Schwab, and many of them members of the party that is now on an inspection tour of the plants of the corporation in the West. Waiters and attendants were costumed in black satin coats, white wigs, knee breeches, with bright buckles and flaming red waists. Facing the entrance to the garden was a conservatory. Behind this were soft lights and the bower for the orchestra. The garden was entirely encircled by masses of tall palms, dogwood blossoms and bunches of hydrangeas. Directly opposite the conservatory was the entrance, cleverly concealed by a fence of green. In the centre of the enchanted ground stood a huge cluster of American Beauty roses. Grass encircled the red mass, and then in a swinging circle came a pure white path. Around this plot the table was arranged—an elongated circle, broken on the right so that it formed a perfect "C," representing the initial of Carnegie. The opening was a gate to the garden walk and in its mouth stood a serving table. The opening and the serving table were opposite the seats of the host and guest of honor.

At a signal two chefs, portly and dignified, stole from behind a grove of boxwood and ascended the serving table. Instead of the conventional dress they wore white satin coats, very long and loose. Four waiters attired in court style took their stand on either side. Hundreds of candles were lighted on the table, all other light in the room extinguished, and the scene was glowing. From the conservatory came the strains of a march dedicated to Charles M. Schwab. Two by two the party filed about the circled table. Against one wall just above the artificial woodtop which reached almost to the ceiling appeared three signs—the magic writing on the wall—in miniature electric lights. They were: "Carnegie Company," "C. M. Schwab" and "United States Steel."

The first course was upon the table when the guests arrived. When the meats came, however, instead of being placed upon the serving table to be carved and served the eight court attendants bore the platters of steaming victuals before the host, who, plancing at each one, bade the servants instruct the carvers to serve. This was the procedure in all succeeding courses.

The menu card, decorated with an ingot, upon which was impressed the word "Men," read as follows:

Lucines Oranges — VIN DU RHIN

Tortue Vert Claire — SHERRY

Creme de Champignons frais

Saumon a la Regence
Concombres — SAUTERNE

Timbales de Ris de Veau a l'Epicurienne — CHAMPAGNE

Hanche d'Agneau de lait Sauce Menthe
Asperges a la Hollandaise
Pomme de Bermude Rissoles

Chaufroid de Foies-Gras a l'Independence

Punch a l'Age de fer — CIGARETTES

Pluviers Cores en Buisson — BOURGOYNE

Salade d'Artichauts a la Parisienne

DESSERT.
Rail de Chemin de fer Glace.
Gateaux, Lingots de fonte au Cacao

Fromage — Fruits — CIGARS
Cafe — LIQUEURS
APPOLLINARIS WATER

PIECES MONTEES.
Le Marteau Electrique, a la Moderne
Le Chariot d'Acier fondu, a l'Americaine.

Mr. Goins is making a great succes with his illustrated serial, Colored American Waiter in the Hotel Monthly published at Chicago, Ill.

Waiters Have a Novel Club.

The hotel and restaurant waiters of Philadelphia have a club that is not duplicated anywhere in this country. It has nothing whatever to do with the Waiters' union which is a national organization, for it makes no interference in the matter of wages. There are upward of 300 paying members in the club and about twenty honorary members. Among the latter are proprietor Boldt, and manager McCormick of the Bellvue; the steward of the Union League Club and other Philadelphians of more or less prominence in the catering line. Most of them have contributed a picture, a silver cup or some other article of adornment for the clubhouse of the waiters at 11th and Arch streets. Owing to the resources of this club a waiter does not feel so reluctant as he otherwise might about throwing himself out of a job. It cost $2.50 to join the club and the dues are 25c a month. The house is managed just like any other club, by a board of governors and a steward. There is a dining room, a billiard room and a reading room where the waiters may find all the newspapers and journals "touchin" on and appertainin' to" their trake, to borrow an expression from chief Devery.

A waiter not permanently engaged spends his day at the club. If a hotel man, club steward or caterer wants a few extra waiters in a hurry he sends to the waiter's club. The men who are there are called in their turn and told that their is something to do. If they are satisfied with the wages offered they go. If they are not satisfied they turn the job over to some man who is without prejudice. But a man who declines a place is not offered another one until everybody else on the waiting list that day has had his turn. The slate is wiped clean each day.

At certain seasons of the year, says the Philadelphia Press, some waiters find it more profitable to take their chances at the club than to remain in a steady position. Tips at weddings and receptions are usually very generous. It is owing to the existence of the club that society men and women who go out a great deal in Philadelphia, notice the same waiters at an afternoon and evening function when the repast is served by different caterers. Some of men are lucky enough to be kept busy all the time.

Function.

It is a formal dinner,
And I am there, you see;
Were "i" to drop quite out of "it"
Why, "it" would be a "t."

Commencement Exercises.

Dermott, Ark., Special.—The third annual commencement exercises of the Dermott Normal and Industrial Academy, Dermott, Ark., took place at Holland's Chapel, May 9, at 8 p. m. The program, as a whole, showed that ample preparations had been made for the occasion. It also showed the tact of the principal, Miss Eliza Robinzine, A. B., A. M., to superintend such an institution of learning. The following deserve especial mention for their excellence in quality and rendition: Oration—"A Nation in a Day," Samuel Holland, Jr.; Essay—"Every Day English," Alice O'Bryant; Duet—Rotha Henry, Bessie Washington; Oration—"The American Flag," George Thomas; Essay—"Silent Influence," Lodie Ward; Essay—"Mrs. William McKinley," Mamie Whitehead; Essay—"Christian Education," Lovie Gipson. All the choruses were delightful. The fan drill was entertaining. The sewing class under the direction of Mrs. A. T. Grainer, had some beautiful needle work on exhibition. Long live the academy and its teacher to perpetuate a greater work. For high moral training and thorough scholarship, go to Dermott Academy.

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From Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. W. Davis of Chicago is in the city, and may be found at the Plankinton. Robert Barns, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again. Banks Wright has gone to his home, Humboldt, Tenn., to pay his parents a visit. The Plankinton waiters have broke all previous records for quick service. On the 20th of May 250 people on their way to St. Paul, Minn., to attend the Baptist convention stopped over, and were given a banquet at the Plankinton by the citizens here. They sat down to dine at 8:30 p. m., and at 9:10 p. m. they had been served a seven course dinner all within forty minutes, allowing the banqueters fifty minutes for speech-making and to make the train. Mr. W. P. Camee highly complimented the waiters and the guests. Several young gentlemen from Berea College, Kentucky, and Geo. R. Smith College, Sedalia, Mo., will spend their vacation in the Cream City and may be found at the Plankinton. Mrs. B. F. Underwood of Chicago is in the city, the guest of Mrs. A. L. Miles. The charity ball given by Mrs. A. L. Miles and Prof. W. Renels was a grand success financially. A great many people from Chicago, Ill., came to the city to be present at the charity ball. Mr. W. G. King, one of the proprietors of the Midland, Kansas City, was in the city recently. Mr. King says that his hotel is doing a big business, and that Mr. C. J. White, the vegetarian, is living upon one meal a day; he walks out in the middle of the street as he claims the sidewalks are unhealthy to walk upon. We congratulate our friend and comrade, C. C. Lewis, in securing the position at the Midland as headwaiter. He will find Messrs. King and Hall two nice gentlemen to work for. The colored citizens are raising funds to engage Attorney W. T. Green to defend Fred Grunt of Detroit, Mich., who was shot by a policeman here for talking to a white woman on the street. Mrs. Annie Nelson and her daughter, Miss Ida Nelson, have gone to Butte, Mont., where they will reside in the future. We regret very much to lose them. Butte may feel proud to have two such worthy ladies as an addition. John Tyler was called to Minneapolis, Minn., on account of the illness of his father, Charles Tyler. I noticed an article in The Freeman of May 17th, wherein the writer claims that the Hotel World had done more for the Negro waiter than they had done for themselves. One should state facts when he writes or not write at all. What has the World done for the Negro waiter aside from publishing articles written by different writers and recommending some colored headwaiter for a position when requested by some hotel man that is in need of a colored headwaiter. The writer must remember that the Negro waiter has been doing for himself over two hundred years before a hotel journal came into existence, and he will continue to do for himself. All he asks is fair play and he will do the rest.

From Anniston, Alabama.

There was a rejoicing among the waiters at the Calhoun hotel over the new change that was recently made in headwaiters. James O. Tanner succeeds Mr. Jones as headwaiter, and he is a man who is competent of filling the place every way. Mr. Tanner is a man who has made his reputation from the start. The first place he held down as headwaiter was at the Hotel Florence in 1898, and has held some other good positions. He was assistant headwaiter at the new Metropolitan until the time he came to Anniston. After coming to Anniston he took position at present hotel, and was side waiter until Mr. Jones' resignation was accepted, then he was made our head; and, to say the truth, you can scarcely tell that the dining room is the same one, as he has made some great improvements, and the boys have a man to take the lead whom every one (as I can speak for them all) are proud of. Mr. Tanner is a man who started his hotel career at the bottom, and knows all the hardships of a side man. In all his lectures he charges the boys to be in the dining room with their costumes on on time; he also charges the boys on being more brotherly and holding each other up; if you see one is going to make a fall try to hold him up. Now this is the kind of a man we have been needing for a long time. He has, since he has taken the position, trained us, and is taking the best of care in bringing us to the front so as to keep out the white waiters. It was under our headwaiter Jones that we could keep no help, but that was the fault of the head. Mr. Tanner has found it easy to get all the help he needs. The waiters are Chas. H. Farell, Gasten H. Sheppard, James Williams, H. Guarry, Wilmer Patterson, G. H. Bostic, John Greer and Loazen Hafley.

From Augusta, Georgia.

Being a non-subscriber, but an occasional "free" reader of your valuable paper, modesty forbids me asking the privilege of your columns, but as you so kindly devote some of the space of your journal to the affairs of waiters, I respectfully ask you to publish the few scattering views that I desire to advance. I notice, from time to time in the issues of your paper the expressions of various writers in reference to the causes that lead to the discrimination against the colored waiters. I am one of them, and learned my first lessons as a waiter in 1877, and have been continually in the harness since that time. In fact, I am an ex-headwaiter. Most of the writers to whom I make reference seem satisfied to put the waiter's side of the issues and ignore the other side altogether. Now the law of equity demands that to put an issue fairly and squarely, and submit the matter to arbitriment of others, it should be fully put. Now, from a long and careful observation, my opinion is that the waiters are responsible for many discriminating things that are said and done against them. I think that if the waiters would cultivate more polite manners and try to emulate the culture and refinement of those they come in close touch with (the guest) I think many of the ills of which they now complain will materially diminish. True the majority of the waiters of the time are men of learning, many of whom are graduates of some of the schools of learning in the country, but, as a rule, as waiters they are rough, boisterous, profane and dissipated. I again affirm as my opinion that these things are changed and the standard of morality lifted up to where it should be, that our material growth in respectability would be greatly advanced. Now I am aware that many headwaiters will read this, will criticize me quite severely, but I want to enter my unqualified protest against the demoralizing system so prevalent among the headwaiters, namely, the exorbitant changes for uniforms. Now that is wrong as it serves no good purpose only to fill the purse of the headwaiters and clothing firms. In the first place it puts a premium on a job that should not be. A waiter should be selected for his fitness and general character and not because he buys the most goods from the headwaiter. It tends to make him reckless and careless for he is conscious that he is debtor to the headwaiter, and that fact lisences him to act as he pleases. These things should demand the attention of all waiters and headwaiters too. It will be admitted that waiters, to be acceptable, should be neat and tidy at all times, but the cost of the uniform to be used should be in keeping with the salary received. As is now the rule, if a waiter is employed in a first-class hotel and gets a full outfit—shoes, coats, vests, ties, etc.—a month's work will not cover the headwaiter's price. That is oppression personified. Of course any man who puts his money out for goods to be sold to others should receive some profit for his investment, but to demand such prices as the waiters are compelled to pay for uniforms is beyond all reason. Another reason why waiters cannot succeed is that the headwaiters are by far too selfish; they don't seem to think that waiters have any rights that they are bound to respect. They seem to aim to get as much salary as they can for themselves and as little as they can for the waiters. Now, the remedy for all these ills to the waiters' profession is co-operation between waiters and headwaiters, smaller profits for uniforms and a higher standard of morality and deportment by all classes.

"A WAITER."

From Columbus, Ohio.

Seymour Gibbs of the Chittenden hotel will have charge of the Great Southern roof garden this season. This is the first time since that fashionable resort has been open that a colored man has had it. Mr. Gibbs must be all right for he comes from under Capt. Frazier, and Capt. is O. K. B. Alexander of Dayton, O, passed through this city the other day on his way to New York. "Hearts of Georgia" is a new song by Arthur Wells of the Great Southern, and bids fair to meet with success. About one year and a half ago Mr. J. B. Burbridge of Cincinnati took charge of the Great Southern dining room. He came here practically unknown to the hotel fraternity, and at that time it was predicted that he would be unable to hold a house the size of the Great Southern. With his business tact and gentleman baring he has not only won the esteem and confidence of every waiter in Columbus, but he has the full confidence of his manager, and to-day he is counted the best headwaiter the Southern has had since the time of Captain Frazier. Mr. Burbridge has around him an efficient crew of waiters, which bespeaks well for him. Arthur Garnes is his second waiter, who a short while ago was on the side. Mr. Garnes is fast winning friends with both crew and guests. Below is a part of the crew of the Great Southern, some of the men were afraid to have their names published: David Morgan, hatman; R. Brandon, private waiter; A. Manson, captain; H. Saffell, jacket man; G. Woods, G. Duncan, A. Jenkins, W. Chancellor, C. Lee, M. Lambert, D. Evans, M. Glenn, T. Robinson, lineman, W. Penne, H. Johnson, D. Winston, H. Walker, J. Williams and A. Poll. Cafe—A. Peaters, head; J. Jones, G. Richardson and D. Clay.

A. L. HARRIS.

To Whom It May Concern in the Fraternity.

In response to a Wisconsin letter from the pen of our brother and friend, J. J' Miles, which appeared in the issue o the 24th, I will say, truly, I am not a charter member of the H. and S. W. N. B. A. Allude to the other side of the question. I request any brother to look over the registration of the executive department pertaining to the organization and observe how many charter members have fallen by the wayside. I am not a veteran of the profession, and I have not been the principal at the Albion for twenty-five years. I have been united with the association for two years only, and the true love that I possess for the league and for the profession has forced me to rally up with all requirements of the organization, and I am ambitious to continue with such work. I never had the pleasure of meeting the brothers whom I had longed to meet until September last, when I attended the third annual convention held in Buffalo, N. Y., and I regret that I did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Miles. In conclusion, permit me to say no individual with common sense and affability will criticise a letter to the fraternity regarding the colored waiters capabilities. That I am not guilty of and never will be. I will also say, with much regret, that my experience in hotel business is far in advance to that of the kindergarten. I anxiously await The Freeman every week, and it affords me much pleasure to note mutual discussion among those of the same profession.

W. E. TUCKER.

C. R. Johnson, formerly of the Lexington, Chicago, Ill., has charge of the Evans dining room with a full crew of men at Hot Springs, S. D., and is getting along very well. He is making preparations to handle the largest crowd this summer ever handled since the house has been built. George W. Cotton, secretary of the Waiters' League of Chicago, Ill., is also with Mr. Johnson.

Claudus C. Fairbanks, waiter on th Santa Fe dining cars and Rufus N. Buster of the same company were both killed in a railway accident of April 3, within 200 miles of Chicago. The California limited went in the ditch at 8:30 a. m, the whole train left the track. The dining car, composit car and two sleepers turned completely over killing two waiters, Messrs. Fairbanks and Buster. It will be remembered that Mr. Fairbanks wrote a splendid article for The Freeman in defense of the colored waiters on the dining car in January, 1902. Mr. Buster is a well-known waiter of Chicago, he was making the last half of his final trip when killed, as he had accepted a position at one of the leading clubs of Dayton, O. It is said by his companions, that he tried in every way to keep from making the trip to California, but the great crush of business on the Santa Fe at that season, compelled him to remain ten days longer to get his salary.

Mr. Buster lived in Dayton, O., where his brothers, Charles and Paul Buster still resides. Mr. C. C. Fairbanks' article was one of the best ever published in defense of the colored waiters and his untimely death has removed one of our most promising, intelligent and progressive young waiters. The waiters throughout the country will mourn his death.

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TALKING ABOUT THE FREEMAN.

It is needless to say that we are pleased and somewhat surprised at the reception of an editorial in The Freeman of recent date that commented on the happening at Pittsburg, Ga., which was attended with such disastrous results. It is still more satisfactory to us to know that the praise comes from no particular section, thus eliminating the partisan idea and proving beyond doubt the proper position on the race question. We take this occasion to pay our respects to that very worthy publication, the Atlanta Constitution, which stands for so much in the South. It, from what we can understand, has been strong in its anti-Negro sentiment in the past. But if the following, its present attitude, is indicative of its past, there certainly has circulated some misinformation:

"The problem of insuring amical and peaceful relations between the whites and blacks who are dwelling together in the South is one of supreme seriousness to sensible men of both races. As the years go by the best thinkers and most trustworthy leaders of both races are coming into accord concerning the conduct which each color should practice toward the other. As these have gained a hearing for their views there has been amelioration of antagonisms between the races and the promise of a coming era when both will fill their appointed spheres of action in amity and without friction or conflict."

It may be that the above wholesome utterance is the outward manifestation of a change of heart which is in accord with; "as the years go by the best thinkers and most trustworthy leaders of both races are coming into accord concerning the conduct which each color should practice toward the other." If it is a change of heart, then the Negroes, right, humanity, life, have gained a powerful ally. We are under obligations to the Constitution for its extreme courtesy to, and consideration of The Freeman, as exhibited in the very generous comment, by the reproduction of the editorial, and by the contrast with an editorial in the Chicago Tribune, in which, as it concerns the particular case, the Tribune was decidedly out of order. We also include in our thanks the Vicksburg (Miss.) American for similar consideration of The Freeman.

The Journal of our own city, a dyed in the wool Republican institution, as if determined that a prophet shall not be without honor in his own country, has been swift to voice its opinions in common, praising The Freeman for its stand for law and order. The Journal is not excitable, nor easily flurried—it stays on its feet. It gives us extreme pleasure to count it among those that give us moral support and support in kind to the race.

The Journal and the Atlanta Constitution credit the editorial page of The Freeman to Bishop Turner of Atlanta. That very able and worthy gentleman could, with ease, fill the position charged to him. In fact it would give us delight if the name of the very august individual did adorn its page. But we are not so fortunate. Bishop Turner does not edit The Freeman. He has contributed to its columns from time to time, but always over his own signature.

In referring to The Freeman's editorial the Journal says: "This shows entire freedom from race prejudice, and goes as far as a paper published for colored people could be expected to go for their tendency toward 'clannishness in the wrong direction.'" We are not over conversant with the creeds of editors, journalists or newspaper men as a rule, but from a general observation, they seem to be very much on the order of the pulpit; striving for the ideal as it pertains to politics, morals, religion and other conserving agencies that seek to lift man up to man's highest conception of man. We take it as an extreme compliment to be adjudged free from prejudice, realizing that those thus free are the ablest to work; everything else being equal.

The contention of men interested in the progress of the races toward a better relationship in America should be for law and order, regardless of the fact that the colored man is more often the injured party. The biasedness of the minds of the American white people as it concerns the Negroes has grown out of conditions which those of to-day found existing when they found themselves a part of society, and out of conditions which develop themselves as hereditary influences that are perhaps indefinable, but all powerful in controlling the sentiment if not the actions of individuals. The race question does not date from to-day. Ethnological data of ten thousand years ago began to shapen it; the contention for racial supremacy is nothing new in the affairs of men; it is not peculiar to American soil, albeit we see it in an exaggerated degree. As long as man holds up ideals—physiognomy, formidability as to war, science, etc., the strenuous struggle for racial premiership will continue. In the struggle man has learned to look down on his fellowman in varying degrees. Those that stand nearest their forbears in attributes, those the least removed and those at the greatest distance from the world's conception of the physical man, suffer accordingly. These regardless of other qualifications linger in the rear of humanity, and will, until humanity wrests its own from cold forms and fashion's fiat, and proclaims that man's a man for a'that and a'that. To the picture add servitude; it is complete, as the world sees it Those of to-day are not to be blamed. These things have been the warf and woof of human society from days unremembered. It enters our general politics through the individual, cutting off all escape—its man's inhumanity to man. But in the days to be—in the appointed time—without hot war or its hotter headed advocates, the condition of which the constitution speaks, brought on by those of whom it speaks, will obtain.

No one will attempt to justify prejudice albeit there is abundant reason for the same. If the colored people will be a little more studious and observant they can soon see how natural it is for a white man to be prejudiced. They will also note that much of the kindness shown colored people, which could as easily be withheld, comes from an effort to break down the prejudice to which his very nature has been schooled. He very often goes out of his way to make the colored man feel that he is an acceptable part of society—a created of God. He could do more; he could also give his whole wealth away. But it is a struggle for him to do what he does in the face of his rebellious nature. He deserves pity; not our censure. Strong man—Caucasian—Anglo-Saxon—Norman—Teuton,—what not?—struggling in the meshes of his prejudices. How like a god he revolts; but a god holds him in embrace. Will he snap the cords—the titan—or must he suffer on to the end of time conscious of a sin for which he is powerless to atone? To this conscious effort, the effort on part of stronger minority, the Negroes owe their material salvation.

The instinct of the general man allies him with his kingdom. The small fry fish of the seas are yet the prey of the larger ones as though the economy of nature so ordered it. The weak of the animal kingdom know by instinct the special foe and the economy of nature seems to care for all evoluting conditions. That man began with such a notion will not be denied. Civilization seems to be in opposition to the earlier inclinations of mankind. On it, we, the Negroes, rely for a desired consummation—since the great God gave and loveth all.

The above will appear pertinent to the discussion when it is considered that the condition of to day is not so much based on passing events as events of the past. In reference to the question again the Indianapolis Journal says:

"Perhaps if they would organize in favor of the legal punishment of colored criminals and against the habit of sympathizing with them simply because they are colored—a habit which The Freeman characterizes as 'clannishness in the wrong direction'—the better class of whites would be moved to organize in favor of the better protection of Negroes in their legal rights and the punishment of bad whites who persecute them. There should be no color line in crime and no race prejudice in the enforcement of law."

The proposition as outlined by the Journal is fair enough. It is no more than right for the colored people to stand against the criminal classes, it matters not of what color they be. If they do this the co operation of the whites is expected as it is a part of their duty. This done much of the ill spirit noted will soon be a thing of the past.

The International Secretary, J. E Moreland, of the Y. M. C. A., delivered a well-timed address to that body of this city last Sunday at Blackford-st. A. M. E Zion church. He proved a forcible, convincing speaker, growing eloquent at times in his stirring plea for the salvation of young men. The thread of this theme was the care of the physical and mental man and the soul or spiritual in the religious sense He showed how these things could be done in a well directed Y. M. C. A. His whole address sparkled with wit and humor, leaving an impression for good, which was felt down to the collection baskets Mr. Moreland spoke with enthusiasm of the prospective new home of the society. He expects Indianapolis to do great things owing to its vast opportunities over many other cities where the society now flourishes. His data as to other societies was interesting and cheered the hopes of those who are pushing the battle to the gate in this city. The speaker will be pleasantly remembered by his address of encouragement; in fact, the "inauguration address" of the new institution. He is a fortunate acquisition to the work, of which he seems but a natural part. When he returns he will address the association in their quarters for which he has so diligently labored for the past three years

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The St. Joseph (Mo) Radical of May 8th has quite a "write-up" of Indianapolis and the colored people from the pen of Will Harris, now of the World. Mr. Harris visited this city two years ago, at which time he wrote about it as he saw it. His impressions, which, for the first time, have been published, are very favorable to the city and the colored people who reside in it. The article is excellent in tone and spirit, doing the writer justice as such, as well as the city. Mr. Harris is a writer of ability, with a predilection for the stage. In the capacity of stage critic he is respected by the profession. He is sometimes known as I McCorker. J. J. Frederick is the editor of the Radical.

The third annual session of the National Negro Business League will be held in Richmond, Va., August 25, 26 and 27. The Richmond Negro Business League is bending every effort to make this meeting of the League an even greater success than either of the former sessions held at Boston and Chicago. Reduced rates have been granted by most of the great passenger associations of the country, including the Southeastern Passenger Association, from which territory most of the delegates will most likely come. The Boston and Chicago Business Leagues are arranging to run special sleeping car trains through to Richmond.

WHAT THE FIGURES SAY.

A Warning Against National Extravagance and Debt Making.

Figures have a language of their own. To be sure it is not the language of flowers, it is a more rude one It must be said, however, that they have an eloquence of their own, against which no quibbling will stand, which sweeps away all sophistries, which often times is as sharp as the knife of the guillotine and at times even causes a shiver.

I just had this feeling when reading the study of a high American official, Mr. O. P. Austin, chief of the official bureau of statistics, a sort of transatlantic Bertillon.

The "World's Debt" is written at the front of the work, and indeed Mr. Austin deals with the debts of all the countries of the world. He does it with a sort of delight, for in the temple where he assembles the budgets of all the nations the United States have somewhat the right of occupying the place of the Pharisee of the New Testament, and looking straight in the face of the God of bankruptcy, exclaiming: "O. Lord! I thank Thee that Thou hast not made me like the Publicans of Europe, who do not know how to put a cent aside, who are given to the most shameful and unbridled squandering, and who by long strides approach bankruptcy and ruin!" And the Publicans, particularly we poor Publicans of France, can but sigh, strike our breasts and prostrate ourselves on the ground.

But listen. In 1801 the world's debt amounted in round figures to 15 000 million francs; in 1848 after the Napoleonic wars, it was 42,000 millions; in 1901 the world's national debt, then increased within the last century by 144,000 millions; but, whereas, during the first part of this century, notwithstanding the gigantic wars which then unsettled the condition of a part of the world, it increased but at the ratio of three to one, the increase during the second part of the century was at the ratio of ten to one.

Listen further. Toward this increase each nation has contributed with all its power. They seem to have been engaged in something like a race, the nations of the old world especially rivaling with each other as to which of them would spend the most money, and acquire the most crushing debt burden

Amidst this storm of folly which shook the world only two nations preserved their cool blood, Great Britain, which, during forty years, reduced its debt by 5,000 million francs; and the United States, which reduced theirs by over 7,000 million francs. All the other nations permitted themselves to be carried away by the whirl.

The Austrian debt, which, in 1850, was but 3,000 million francs, reaches at present the figures of 8,500 millions; the debt of Germany has grown from 580 millions in 1870 to 2,795 millions at present; that of Italy which, in 1869, was 7,000 million francs, is now 12,915 millions. The debt of Russia, which, in 1853, was 2,000 millions, exceeded in 1900 15,000 million. France is easily winner in this contest. Her debt, which in 1852 was a little over 5 000 millions francs, amounts to-day to about 29,000 millions, or almost six times the amount in the former year, constituting almost one fifth of the total world's indebtedness.—Le Matin, Paris.

Great Features of the Negro Young Peoples' Christian and Educational Congress.

One of the greatest features of the Negro Young Peoples' Christian and Educational Congress, which is to be held in the city of Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 6–11, 1902, and which is backed by forty denominations and agencies at work among the Negro people throughout the United States, is the purpose to have three distinct meetings during the congress, one for men, one for women and another for children. The men's meeting will be held in the big auditorium at the Exposition Grounds on Sunday afternoon, where ten thousand men may be accommodated. The women's meeting will be held in the People's Tabernacle, recently erected by Bishop Turner and friends, which accommodates five thousand at one sitting. There will be also a great children's meeting during one of the afternoons of the congress week, when ten thousand children are to be gathered under one roof and an oject lesson of child culture given and the nature of the development of the child impressed upon the delegates and visitors attending. Another great feature of the meeting will be a conference on the relation of the public school teachers among the colored people throughout the United States to christian training of the race. The request for a special consideration of this topic has been made by the public school teachers of Atlanta, and they in turn have invited the public school teachers throughout the United States to be their special guests. The committee on program has consented to make place for this great conference. Dr. Booker T. Washington and other leading educators will take prominent part in this conference. Many of the leading public school principals and teachers throughout the United States think it a great opportunity to organize a National Colored Teachers Association. The colored teachers of Nashville, Chattanooga, Lynchburg and other cities have recently passed resolutions endorsing the idea advanced by the Atlanta teachers and accepted the invitation of the Atlanta teachers to attend the great congress. For all information concerning the great movement, as to purpose, railroad rates, departments, etc , apply to I Garland Penn, corresponding secretary, or to Rev. J. W. E. Bowen, first assistant corresponding secretary, Gammon Theological Seminary, South Atlanta, Ga. The literature on the movement is gladly given away upon application.

A Colored Man to be Ordained Priest.

Just at this time when the question of the progress of the race is going the rounds of the daily press, it may be of no little interest to the public to learn what the Roman Catholic church is doing for our race. There is no gainsaying that among those institutions which have endeavored to elevate and advance the black man the Catholic church has ever played a telling part On the 21st of June, in the Baltimore cathedral, that same grand old church which has on so many occasions shown her interest in the colored race, will elevate to the dignity of her priesthood the Rev. J. Harry Dorsey. The Rev Father Dorsey—soon to be—was born in Baltimore, Md., and in his early youth attended the public schools of that city. Forced by ill health to suspend his studies he spent the two following years in the endeavor to regain his lost strength. At the close of this period Very Rev. J. R Slattery, who had opened St. Joseph Seminary to rear young priests for the colored missions, became interested in young Dorsey and sent him to St. Paul to study for the priesthood under the Most Rev. Archbishop Ireland. The following year Rev. Father Slattery opened Epiphany Apostolic College as a feeder for St. Joseph Seminary, and recalled the young levite home to complete his classical course at the new college Graduating from Epiphany in June, '93 Dorsey matriculated the fall of the same year as a student of St. Joseph Seminary. Again ill health arrested his progress, and he was compelled to leave his course unfinished to recuperate. A lapse of four years ensued ere he was able to resume his studies. In the interim he taught school with much success in Richmond, Va., and his native city. In September, '97, he returned to his uncompleted studies in philosophy and theology at St. Joseph Seminary. It should be noted in passing that the students of St. Joseph attend the lectures at St. Mary's National Sulpician Seminary, and here he has pursued his classes. Rev. Father Dorsey's career as a student has been crowned with laurels, and he is the justly proud possessor of three degrees. This June he goes forth a priest of God to devote his life to the uplifting of his race. A young man of studious and sober habits he will be launched out upon the ocean of life well fitted for the great voyage that lies before him. May the great Father of mankind guide and protect him through the perilous journey to the longed-for harbor of eternal rest.

L. H. B.

Doing of the Week.

Beaumont, Tex., Special.—This city is still coming to the front and work more colored labor the year round than any other city Texas. Dr. A. H. Jackson has opened a neat drug store and employs three people. It this store you will find The Freeman on sale. Week before last H. B. Johnson and Miss Alice Marshall were joined in wedlock; the announcement is out for the marriage of Willie A. Jones, Jr., to Miss Lulu Brown, a charming belle of this city. Miss Keolia Minor left Saturday the 24th for Orange. Johnnie Webb visited the city week before last. Walter D. Hall is running a first-class restaurant in Neches street. Mrs. Rosa Taylor returned from Hempstead week before last. Mrs. Eliza Grant left week before last for Hempstead. There was a big excursion from Ft. Worth to this city this week. We want more readers for The Freeman; you can buy it for five cents per copy at the colored drug store.

Newsy Nuggets.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Dr. E. A. Williams and wife, of Cincinnati, visited this city last Sunday, and were guests of Mr. Dr. Bush, the chiropodist and manicurist, 511 N. Second street. G. B. Goins, formerly headwaiter at the Louisville hotel, is visiting in Columbus, O., while his wife is spending a few days with friends in Chicago.

Boiled Brevities.

Springfield, Ill., Special.—Hiram Sorrell, of the "4-11 44" Trio, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Boston last week. He was treated to a fine game of ball last Sunday between the Royal Tigers and a colored team from Decatur, which resulted in a score of 6 to 4 in favor of the Royal Tigers. He returned to his home in Baltimore on the 3d inst.

STAGE.

The Coliseum Gardens, Chicago's new amusement house, opened with a big and enthusiastic first-night audience last Saturday and the big attendance which has marked every afternoon and evening since then indicates the popularity of the novel gardens. The first-night audience was especially fashionable and at its head was Gov. Yates, who was present as the guest of Col. J. Strong, a member of his staff. Many other well-known society people were present the first night and have continued to visit the gardens since then. Mons. Jean Marcel's Basso-Relievo Art Studies which have never been presented in this part of America before, met with overwhelming praise and approval from all who witnessed them and the management is regretting that owing to unavoidable circumstances the present run of the attractions must be limited to one week more. The statuary is especially fine and only when the posers step from their places is it possible for the spectators to realize it is human beings that they see instead of marble Clara Ballerini's amazing and daring acts on the trapeze are attracting a great amount of attention and interest which is increased moreover by the fact that she is more than ordinarily beautiful. Arthur Ballerni's trained dogs prove fascinating to all and especially to the children. The novelty introduced by M. and Mme. Karsy—the Myriophon—is really a novelty and its wonderful mechanism is calling forth much praise for M. Karsy as the inventor. The Merideth Sisters complete the bill this week with a singing and dancing act that is very catchy The attractions of the promenade concerts, under the influence of the music dispersed by Laffey's musicians is a strong rival of the vaudeville bill. In fact it is hard to say which is the most popular. The decorations of the interior of the building proved to be far aboveeven what was anticipated, so that altogether the place is marked as an ideal summer garden. Next week M. Marcel presents a new series of subjects and the Parros brothers are put on the bill in their sensational European equilibrium acts.

A Medicine for Old People.

Rev. Geo. Gay, Greenwich, Kas., is past 83 years of age, yet he says: "I am enjoying excellent health for a man of my age, due entirely to the rejuvenating influences of Dr. Miles' Nervine. It brings sleep and rest when nothing else will, and gives strength and vitality even to one of my old age."

"I am an old soldier," writes Mr. Geo. Watson, of Newton, Ia., "and I have been a great sufferer from nervousness, vertigo and spinal trouble. Have spent considerable money for medicine and doctors, but with little benefit. I was so bad my mind showed signs of weakness. I began taking Dr. Miles' Nervine, and I know it saved my life."

Dr. Miles' Nervine

Saved me from the insane asylum," Mrs. A. M. Heifner, of Jerico Springs, Mo., writes. "I was so nervous that I could scarcely control myself, could not sleep nor rest, would even forget the names of my own children at times. I commenced using Dr. Miles' Nervine and it helped me from the first, and now I am perfectly well."

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NEXT SEASON'S OFFERINGS.

(BY SYLVESTER RUSSELL)

The new offerings of good things in the "coon comedy" market, for the coming season, have been invariably announced in various forms.

Bob Cole, whom I see loves to be interviewed, has been shooting off firecrackers lately. Rumors of "A Trip to Coontown;" "Coontown 400," "The Cannibal King," and the "Belle of Dixie" went off in separate shots. To be or not to be—that is the question—whether Mr. Cole will be a lone star or whether Mr. Cook has bought the "A Trip to Coontown" to star Cole and Johnson next season remains to be seen. The joint advent of these two comedians will be again hailed with much delight. Bob Cole will make more money and Billy Johnson will spend it.

The Williams & Walker cannon has exploded in the West. "In Dahomey" will, from all accounts, be their next season's attraction. The book, lyrics and music are by Jesse Shipp, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and Will Marion Cooke respectively. Just how close together, Shipp and Dunbar have had their heads nobody yet knows. What one lacks the other can supply and their efforts should prove merritorious. They have taken Williams and Walker out into a far away country and the atmosphere will have to be rich to please us. The weather must be warm and we must be made to feel that Paul Dunbar is back into the game for fair. Mr. Walker is to pour out the vinegar and Mr Williams will drink it down.

Ernest Hogan who loves to advertise himself but "delivers the goods'—when the cart don't break down—will star under the watch care of Wm. McClain. Just whether these two comedians will star together equally, alternately or otherwise is yet a fretful dream but they have a large supply of wit on hand including "My friend from Georgia," "A Hot Time in Blackville" and "A Country Coon." Some of their comedies are by white men.

The Troubadours will go out early next season. The "Black Patti" will sing some new selections and the "skit" will probably again be headed by Leslie Triplet, with Anthony Byrd on the rear seat, generally occupied by a coachman.

THE FEMALE PROBLEM

No women have been announced as leading ladies or special features in any of the above comedy companies. Ada Overton Walker will still hold her position in the "Walker" company. No mortal man will ever try to cheat her out of her job The addition of name and fame will give her no reason to complain and now we can look for more than ever from her again next season. Miss Alice Mackey, too, must be upheld. Those large dreamy eyes and her voice both serve her well. Belle Davis should be the first woman to star in comedy but we hear nothing of it She is abroad; she had better come home. There are other women smuggled away and kept back by the great hoggish comedians who will be apt to shine bye and bye. We need a few female comedy stars at the head of their own companies soon. We must have them All means and devices will be resorted to in order to make them They must watch and wait for the chance to assert themselves and then do so fearlessly. The women of the stage can best be spoken of as "christians" and "sinners." The talented woman of reasonable education, with a creative mind, who saves her earnings and strives to be a christian a student and a warrior is bound some day to shine The women must try to raise "old ned" next season Things are too one sided. I give to you my dear, deserving ladies, the first solution of the future female problem. Begin to write your own plays and keep your secret heads to-gether.

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P. G. LOWERY'S CONCERT BAND (4 Paw Sells Bros.' Circus)—Poughkeepsie N. Y. June 9; Danbury, Conn, 10; Ansonia, 11; Meriden, 12; Holyoke, Mass., 13; Greenfield, 14.

RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S FAMOUS GEORGIAS- T. J. Culligan, Manager; Marshfield, Wis. June, 9; Neilsville, 10; Black River Falls, 11; Eau Claire, 12; Chippewa Falls 13 Menomonie 14.

PAWNEE BILL'S WILD WEST (and Concert Co. Dan Washington Manager.)—Webster, Mass. June, 9; Milford 10; Natick, 11; Woburn, 12; Glouster 13; Salem, 14.

Marsh Craig is playing this week at Romana Park, Grand Rapids.

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Kid Alston sends regards to his two sisters, Mrs. Mary Ferguson, and Rebecca Veal. Write.

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Wm. S. LeVard, comedian and monologue artist will be seen in a white company next season.

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Robt. S. Lyons sends regards and would like to hear from McKissick & Jones and Walter Thomas.

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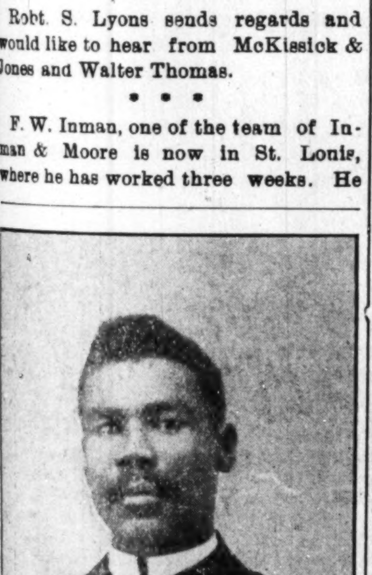
F. W. Inman, one of the team of Inman & Moore is now in St. Louis, where he has worked three weeks. He sends regards to all friends. Moore, wire and I'll send tickets. Responsible managers, write. Address to Pueblo, Col.



PRENTIS OLIVER,
Principal comedian with P. G. Lowery's Vaudeville Co, of Forepaugh & Sells Bros.' Circus.

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Dan Washington sends regards to Babe Alexander, Daddy Love, P. G. Lowery and his company.

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The Golden Gate Quartette and Fannie Winfred have closed a successful season with the City Club company and are booked for the entire summer season in parks, commencing June, 14 at Danbury, Conn. The quartette is playing dates alone, as Miss Winfred is spending a few weeks vacation in Chicago. She will rejoin the quartette June 9 in Boston.

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To J. Harry Jackson—We knew you before you became a full fledged New Y-o-r-ker.—Sam & Grundy.

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To Tom Logan—You are a Cubian now but I knew you before you commenced to speak Spanish.—Kid Alston.

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Raleigh W. Thompson is now playing a 5 week's stand in Birmingham and is receiving rounds of applause on his piano solo.

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Harry A. Brown, lightening artist is at the Tivoli Palm Garden, Chicago, this week with the Alhambra, Milwaukee Wis., to follow, after a steady run of seven weeks in Chicago.

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Billy Ritchie, of Ritchie and Francis has taken L. T. Vierro as a business partner and will put on shows and engage talent for local and traveling companies. Office 144 W. 27th-st., New York City.

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Harry A. Brown, America's greatest discriptive artist and vocalist has been re-engaged for the Rusco & Holland's Georgia Minstrels, No. 1, for the coming season. Will feature his new picture act entitled, "The Story of Flowers." Regards to all the boys from home.

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Notes from L. E. Gideon's Big Minstrel Carnival:—"We are on our sixth week in Minnesota. Business is fine. We enter the state of Wisconsin. June 10 the company passed through Minneapolis. LaShe was the guest of J. W. Bohannan and all the boys had a nice time. Mr. Frank Kirk's act is so strong that he takes three and four encores every night. Our summer band suits arrived at Stillwater. The boys send regards to all friends.

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Johnson and Reids stock company is now in Birmingham Ala., playing to a crowded house every night at Traction Park. Members of the company consist of Billy Johnson, Will Ried, James Crosby, Harry Love, Will Scott, Misses Rosa Payne, Elvira Johnson, Ora Criswell and Estelle Harris. They send regards to all friends. Blue says, "Look out, Foxy Qiller." Rosa Payne would like to hear from Wm. Malone.

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Notes from the W. R. Cooper, Medicine Show:—The members are all enjoying themselves hughly. This is our seventh week out and each succeeding week is an improvement over the previous one by way of financial success. We are on our way to the wild and wooly west for a years stay. Dr. Cooper is a fine lecturer and is proud of his men all of whom are colored. We carry a band of nine members and three first-class performers. All send regards to friends. Ross Chavers sends regards to Harry Prampin, W. E Barbour and Harry Southard.

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Billy Young writes from the the Mahara Minstrels:—"After a long season since Aug. 17, we close June 26 at Broadhead Wis. Our season has been successful both to management and performers. Mr. Jerry Barnes and myself have done well in pleasing the public. In fact Mr. Barnes is a man of wit and his make up as a scarecrow is the most original in the business. Our act always runs from 15 to 18 minutes with nothing but laughs. I am much pleased with him as a working partner. Mr. Barnes and myself contemplate playing vaudevillle.

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Notes from A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrels:—"For the third time in Knoxville, Tenn., on Monday night May 26, we did a wonderful business. After the show the members of the company were highly entertained by some of the leading men of that place Master Henry McDade, the coming young slide trombone soloist was missing as soon as we reached the city limits of Knoxville, that being his home. The whole family are musicians, his ten year old brother, George being a wonder, playing a Bb cornet and lead violin. Chas. Williams of the team of Williams and Stevens sends regards to Prentis Oliver, A. P. Harris, D. Desdunes and P. G. Lowery. All members of this company send regards to McCamon and Sam Johnson.

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Notes from Sells & Down's circus consolidated with Wolfscales' Plantation Minstrels:—"We have just passed another successful week and everybody in the show seems in the best of health. We had a few cold days last week. We met A. G. Allen of the New Orleans Minstrels at East Radford, Va., and a general handshaking followed. They gave us many compliments on our band and concert. McCammon sends regards to all friends. We showed Lynchburg Va., Decoration day and turned them away. McCamon sends regards to W. M. Cooper. Prof. James Wolfscales our leader is loud in his praise of his band as musicians and says that for once he has no agitators or boozers. The Hendersons send regards to M. Adams, Sadie Reeves, Cissel, Mines & Bumpty and B. F. Payne and all friends. Prince Mingo says:—"I write to the Freeman for my first time. I have traveled 25 years and am now with the Sell's & Downs circus making my third season. I open Nov. 26 at the Westminster, London England; at the Aquarium for 9 months and will play all foreign countries before returning to America." Regards to all friends.

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels:—"We are now in the copper region doing what we call good business. We are playing to the capacity of the houses nightly, having already been among the Canadians and having the best house of the season at Sault St. Marie Ont. Mr Cooper the popular ventriloquist is hitting em hard nightly with his complete drill of one-legged talking figures and his mysterious cabinet. Mr. Cooper sends regards to Chas. Parker and Clarence Powell. Kid Langford's new act entitled Nancy's Wedding Day, is something grand and leaves them holding their sides every night. The lines in this play are so complete that we must say it could not be played by better hands than those chosen–Dick Thomas, Oscar Cameron, Dave Smith and Kid Langford. The Houseleys are still improving their act. The entire company is being received with hearty cheers nightly. We costumed the show throughout at Sault St Marie, Mich, and put on an overture and first part opening The big trio, Cooper, Jones and Jackson, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession, also Bailey, Piccolo Jones and the rest of the American people. Chas. Watts is rehearsing Mendlesohns wedding march for some of the boys but we are at a loss to know just who the guilty parties are. It is supposed that it will be played on some western pipe organ.

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Notes from Pawnee Bill's Wild West and Concert Company:—We opened our season at Chester, Pa., May 3, to a very good business. Since that time we have been touring the middle Atlantic states and part of North Carolina. This show carries more colored performers than any other tented exhibition on the road and it can be said, too, with candor and emphasis, that each and every colored performer gets three good meals each day and a dinner a la super fine on Sunday and we all star at the grand "ghost-walking" contest each Sunday afternoon. We also monopolize the Pullman sleeper Oscoda. For what more need we care. The show played Alexander, Va., May, 19, the home of Richard H. Brooks, Jr., late of the Harrison Bros., Minstrels. Brooks is an old friend of Messrs Dan. Washington, our manager and Clemo Harris, they having been stage associates for a season with the Harrison Bros. Minstrels. The show train arrived in Alexandria about 7 a m Sunday and Mr. Brooks met Mr. and Mrs. D. Washington, Mr. and Mrs Clemo Harris and Miss Jessie Procter and escorted them to his home on S. Fairfax street, where they were royally entertained. While in Alexandria we met Mr. P. W. Buckner who is a tuba player of repute and is also a double bass player. The show will be out about six months. Mrs. D. E, Washington has been on the sick list but is again able to do her artistic specialty. While coming from Chicago via the B. & O. enroute to Chester Pa., we were cordially received and entertained at Washington, D. C. by P. G. Lowery of the Sells and Forepaugh shows. Mr. Lowery took us all through the show and had his band play "Wm. Tell Overture" by our request. We also carry with the Pawnee Bill's Wild West a colored drum crops of ten pieces. Will present roster in our next.

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Billy Clifford, formerly of Huth and Clifford has taken up Arthur Gillespie's and Jas Brachman's coon shout, "All de Time" and says, "It is the best song that he has had in years.

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Notes from P. G. Lowery's Concert Band and Vaudeville with Forepaugh & Sells' Bro., circus:—Julius Glenn and Mr. E. Robinson spent the day with us, May 24, while in Jersey City. Glenn sees a great improvement in the show sincee he was connected with it, the band and vaudeville being much larger. He also met many old friends around the city of white. We had many visitors while in Brooklyn among whom were the Bradleys, C. D. Jackson and wife, Kid Thomas, Rob Cooper and several others. The old white tents looked natural to them. Miss Sallie Lee spent Sunday in New York with her friend Alberta Ormes. They had a general review of old times. Misses Essie Williams and Gracie Hoyt spent a pleasant week with relatives while in Brooklyn. We regret to state that Geo. P. Hambright, solo clarionetist has closed to take a local position in the big city. A. L. Prince received many presents from his sisters whom he has not seen for years. Manager Connors is well pleased with the company and band. The Four-in-Hand Quartette made a decided hit on their return to Brooklyn. They are well known around the East and their work pleases. J. Jones is back among old friends around Brooklyn and New York. Prentis Oliver, principal comedian, has contracted to feature the songs of the best song writers in New York, Howley, Haviland & Dresser. Dennis Lowery, Allen McClellan, Jno. Stewart and the ever popular "Shug," are members of the mysterious four known as the "porter trust;" rules and regulations will never be known. We all expect a nice long trip through Canada.

NOTES FROM THE COOK HOUSE

Joe Scott, headwaiter and William Standard, better known as "blue shirt" spent a happy Sunday in Greater New York at 45 N. Foster street. Harry Bell was fined for flirting. Jim Buliton became infatuated with an Elizabeth, N. J., girl and missed his train. Harry Williams has made a record as a hurdle jumper. Wm. Irvin seems to have been very favorably impressed with a certain young widow of Brooklyn. J. B. Hill is looking after the welfare of the boys. Joe Hill spent quite a pleasant evening at Coney Island Monday. Harry Williams is the star stroller of the company. Joe Hunter got lost coming over from Jersey City, Saturday night. Henry Silkman of Chicago has assumed the responsibility of being foreman of the laundry department. Ernest Baker had quite a swell time Monday night and almost forgot to return to work Tuesday. Capt. Archie is picking up new waiters every day. Carl Johnson the old waiter is still holding his same position. J. B. Cousin, better known as the "lover from Chicago" was over to Coney Island and got lost. Seymour Payne made a great hit with the girls in Brooklyn.

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J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York City:—"Flynn's Nashvil e Troubadours left the city Monday for Boston, Mass., where they opened their summer season of park engagements—Fletcher and Crosby is the name of the latest sketch team to appear around these parts, and it is reported that they are "making good." They were at the Unique Theatre, Brooklyn, last week and are closing a big vaudeville bill at Waldman's Theatre, Newark, N. J., this week.—Ernest Hogan was a great hit at the New York Theatre Sunday night, The way he rendered Cooke & Dunbar's 'Emancipation Day," brought down the house and he was compelled to make several bows. W. H. Ray, musical artist is in the city again after playing successful engagements through Pennsylvania. Mr. Ray intends to take out a first-class concert company the coming season.—Dan E. Washington, the champion artistic cake Walker of the West was in the city Sunday circulating among his many friends. Mr. Washington is the general manager of the concert company with the Pawnee Bill Wild West show, this being his second season with that organization in that capacity. He states that his company consists of eighteen ladies and gentlemen and that they never fail to please their large audiences. He was accompanied by Messrs George Weaver, Will Thompson Kid Alston, Sam Lane and Clemo Harris. After visiting the New York Theatre, Sunday night where they had the pleasure of seeing, also receiving an introduction to Messrs Ernest Hogan, Billy McClain, Bob Cole and Harry P. Brown, they visited the Douglass Club where a very enjoyable time was spent until an early hour Monday morning afterwhich they left for New Rochelle, N. Y., where they caught their show.—Thomas & Stanley, sketch teams are in the city after a successful season with the "Coon Hollow" company.—Rastus and Banks were big favorites at Proctor's 23d street Theatre, last week.—Edward Goggin, of the team of Goggin & Davis is mourning the loss of about $5000 worth of wearing apparel and jewelry. A thief entered his apartments one afternoon last week and helped himself.—Larkins & Patterson very clever sketch artists made a great impression at Henderson's Music Hall Coney Island last week. They were the first colored act to appear there this season. They are now rehearsing their funny farce, "A Trip to the Jungle in which they will be starred the coming summer season over the Boom circuit of parks.—Black Patti and her big company of clever people are appearing at the New Star theatre this week. The company includes John Rucker, Al and Cecil Watts, Gus Hall, Will Cooke, Anthony Byrd, the Wangdoodle Comedy Four, Jim White and mnay others. A review of the performance will be given in the next issue.—Tom Brown's Troubadours opened their summer season Decoration Day at Lynn, Mass. Among those with the company are: Dudley & Kelley, James Brown, Siren, Jube Johnson, Alberta Ormes, Ida Day, Allie Brown, Chas. White, Chas. Moore and Leon Williams.—Fred W. Simpson of the musical team of Simpson and Pitman, has joined the Musicians Protective Association, No. 41, A F. of L., of New Xork City.—P. G. Lowery's big vaudeville company and concert band were the big features of the side show of the Forepaugh-Sells Bros.' shows in Brooklyn last week. Every member of the organization is doing his best to keep up the high standard of the entertainment which they have always presented. Prof. Lowery states that he now has the best band and vaudeville show of his life.—Bob Cole and Rosamond Johnson made an enormous hit at the New York Theatre Sunday night singing their composition entitled, "Tell Me, Dusky Maiden."—Sam Lucas has returned to the city much improved in health.

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Chauncey Olcott will have a brand new play next season by Augustus Pitou, entitled "Old Limerick Town." Both the star and management are highly elated over the prospects for this piece. Mr. Olcott is especially happy with a number of new compositions that he will introduce. The Olcott songs are always in demand; they being a feature of his performance and the new ones promise to be his greatest successes These are now in the hands of his publishers, M. Whitmark & Sons and will be ready for the opening.

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At the Banquet Given by the Manhattan Club—Society Notes.

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The Manhattan club is rapidly becoming the center of social pleasure. They gave a grand entertainment at Knights of Pythias hall on the 23d ult. The pretty hall, with its delightfull appointments and lovely decorations, was a most attractive place. Music was furnished by Profs. Bynum and Turner's orchestra. The grand march was lead by George Smith. The club has a membership of twenty-five. The entire party arrived in carriages and after enjoying refreshments in artistic style, departed about 2:30 a. m. Those present were: Henry Daniels, Bessie Gipson; John Whitfield, Marie McCuloch; James Ashley, Mamie Mitchell; Joe Hardy, Beulah Shafers; Henry Perkins, Mary Stegall; Wm. Bentley, Emma Crittenden; Henry Hooks, Katie Howard; Berton Tollerson, Ida Hudson; Ed. Kirk, Hellen White; Harry Bryant, Maud Mosby; Hughet Marghin, Emma Mosby; Samuel Beard, Sammie Webster; Nelson Blackburn, Anna M. Daniels; Elie Bell, Mattie Frieson; Albert Letcher, Ella Johnson; Alex. Lovelace, Mamie Johnson; Earlius Stevenson, Julia Jones; Walter Haskins, Katie Humes; Isaac Pope, Anna Ray; Herbert Reed, Ethel Gasson; Reuben White, Susie Tollerson; Will Handis, Emma Turner.

Miss Ethel Jones, a talented young lady, was elected as delegate to the State Sunday School convention, which convenes in Chattanooga this month, by the Sunday school of Tabernacle Baptist church. Superintendent J. C. Neal will also go as a delegate. Mrs. C. B. Pucket, 56 Mosby street, has been quite ill for the past week. Miss Ether Bailey, of Holly Springs, Miss., is visiting her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Person, 157 Beal street, for the summer. Messrs. Williams and Barnett, located on S. Main street, are two enterprising barbers of industry and skill. They march in the foremost rank of their profession. The new Gayoso hotel is the finest in the South. It is run on both the American and European plans. The young colored men who are employed as waiters and other help are among the best and brainest of the country. Winter's hotel, like its contemporaries, is holding its own among the best that give efficient service. Its proprietors are kind and genial. Its waiters, who we are proud to say are colored, are destined to furnish some good material for useful manhood. We forget not that Bishop Arnett, Paul Lawrence Dunbar and many other prominent men started life as waiters. Neil Roby, a leading chef of this city, is putting up some of the daintiest dishes to be found anywhere, for this hostelry. The magnet that draws the crowd, and the cafe that gives the nicest service, is the newly furnished Climax, 76 Main street. None can withstand the mighty drawing power of this lovely place. Here is where the colored people of character flock. Here their fondest hopes of gratifying their appetites and quenching their thirst at a lovely soda fountain are accomplished. Miss Lucy Hughes proprietor.

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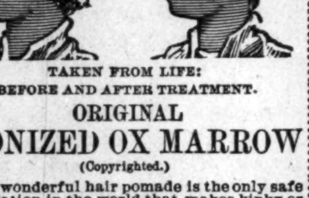

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Interresting Items.

Princeton, Ind., Special.—Rev. Woods pastor of the Free Will Baptist church of Xenia, O., preached at the 2nd. M. E. church, Tuesday evening. He was enroute to Evansville, his former residence, to transfer his family to Xenia, where he will make his fature home. Several persons were present and a good collection was taken for his traveling expenses. Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Barnes entertained last week in honor of their son, Jesse. About 30 persons were present. It was an enjoyable affair. At 10.30 a dainty collation of cake and ice cream was served. Mrs. M. A. Leggett was called to Jeffersonville, on account of the sudden death of Mrs. Bettie Fountain. The Epworth League rendered quite an interesting and instructive program, Friday evening consisting of selecting of select readings, addresses and solos. It being "old folks" evening, we certainly had a treat. Mr. Alexander Reno, formerly of Indianapolis but now of Chicago, Ill., and Miss Rosa Fisher of this city were united in matrimony Wednesday May 21, at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Peter Fields, in Seminary place at 8 o'clock p. m. Rev. W. E. Young pastor of the Olive Branch Baptist church officiating. Miss Fisher is an amiable young lady whose character is above reproach. She is the daughter of Mr. Benjamin Fisher who lives west of the city. Mr. Reno, we understand is a gentleman of good repute, energetic and thrifty and makes a good income. A grand repast was prepared for the guests and the bride received several beautiful and useful presents. The colored teachers of our city schools were all re-elected for the ensuing year. Silas Porter of Danville, Ill. was the guest of his sister Mrs. Lucy Kaufman, 536 Oak street Sunday, May 25. Sunday May 25 was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church. The sacramental sermon was preached by Rev. J. T. Leggett, pastor of the 2nd M. E. church. Rev. H. C. Mooman pastor of the A. M. E. church and part of his congregation assisted. On the 18th ult. the A. M. E. church had a grand rally. About $23 was raised to liquidate the indebtedness. The superintendants and pastors of the 2nd M E. church and the A. M. E. churches of Lyles and Princeton met Sunday evening after adjournment of the quarterly meeting and decided to hold a union Sunday-school convention on the 22nd of June. An excellent program was made out for the occassion. H. F. Smith will hold his graduating exercises for his writing school next Friday evening at the 2d. M. E. church. Prof. R. L. Anthony, principal of colored high school will deliver the principal address.

A Social Organization.

Jacksonville, Fla., Special.—The Silver Link Club, which is the leading social club of this city, have leased an especial place to hold their meetings and have handsomely furnished it. Their socials are always up to the highest standard. Mr. James H. Hall, the president of the club, is an able man in that position which he has held, with one exception, since the club was organized. The other officers are Arthur Campbell, vice; Ellis Jones, secretary; Julius L. Dennis, treasurer; Charley Williams, sargeant at arms; Abern Campbell, Avercator. Mr. Evans Jones left last Sunday on the steamer Apacha for New York where he will spend the summer in the mountains. We hope him a pleasant trip and a safe return. The officers and members of the Royal Literary and Social club entertained highly at their first concert Wednesday evening, May, 14. Music was furnished by the Metropolitan orchestra. The officers of this club are: Joseph Williams, pres.; Miss Anna Chappelle, vice; Miss Clarabell Wright, secretary; Edward DeVaughn, assistant; Miss Laura Jackson, treasurer. Mr. Thomas Debar, a young man who stands very highly in his duties in christian and social work and a young man that is making an earnest effort to become a credit to his race is well thought of by all who know him. Young men like this are very much wanted. Misses Ella Sumpter and Vicie Hugheet are the most charming young ladies on the west side. The Florida State Normal and Industrial Institute closed its term. Rev. E. J. Greeg, D. D, by special request delivered the baccalaureate sermon. Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Randall formerly of Savannah, Ga., but now located in our city have made many warm friends. Mr. Randall is the first-class barber at 202 Bridge street and is making quite a record, while his estimable wife is succeeding nicely with her latest fads of dressmaking and fitting. Miss Agnes Lewis of Nassau is spending a very pleasant visit with her sister, Mrs. A. Higginbotham of 1522 Pelican street. Prof. E. C. Deas, is untiring in his efforts to elevate the Sunday-school.

Newsy Nuggets.

Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—The public school picnic given out to the Arkansas fair ground week before last was one long to be remembered by those that participated. The children were conveyed to and from in some of the swellest rigs in the city and on their arrival home at night, said they spent a very pleasant day, and only wish that the school picnic was a little oftener. Mrs. Willie Kaufman left week before last for Camden, Ark., where she will spend a few weeks with relatives, then leave for St. Louis to join her husband, Malachi Kaufman, who is employed at the union station in that city. Mesdames Chalmers, Furgerson and Master Arthur Reed, who have been on the sick list the last past week or so, are much improved at present. The public school exercise of the primary department, given at Visitors' Chapel Church last Thursday night the 22nd, under the able leadership of Miss Mattie Dover, was very interesting indeed, showing to the public the rapid progress the young ones are making. Arthur Holmes left week before last for Chicago, Ill. Don't forget to go to D. L. Floyd's barbershop for a first-class shave and hair cut, 36 Central avenue. Mrs. J. J. Moore of 2319 Walnut street, St. Louis, Mo., is here visiting Mesdames Davenport, Trow and Minnie Matthews of 407 Pleasant street. Mr. and Mrs. George Rodges left week before last for Colorado to spend the summer. H. F. Foster sends his best regards to his brother, Ed. Cooksey at the Oliver House, South Bend, Ind. Messrs. John English, Charles Gresham and Joe Hicks left recently for Kansas City, Mo. James Page returned home recently from Nashville, Tenn., where he has been attending school at Roger Williams College. Amos Jeffries of Little Rock, Ark., is here on a visit.

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IN OLD KENTUCKY.

A General Gleaning of News--Other Interests, Etc.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—The musical talent of the city is now being organized and in the near future Paducah will enjoy the honor of having the best brass band this side of Louisville; prepare for the 8th. Mrs. Lucy Dickinson spent several days in Hopkinsville to witness the street Fair week before last. Eugene Thomas has been indisposed recently several days. Sandy Slater was a delegate recently to the convention held at Madisonville. The parsonage in Washington street is undergoing considerable improvements. G. E. Marshall had a new floor laid in his barbershop. Master Buddie Brooks is carrier of The Freeman during the rheumatic attack on the agent. All news handed to him will be carefully attended to. The Baptist Association convenes here in August. Mrs. Herbert Johnson will soon open an ice cream parlor in Worten's additions. Budd Mitchen who lived with his mother and two sisters in Tennessee street, died Monday the 19th inst. He belonged to several insurance companies, also the Labor Union of this city which conducted the funeral. Miss Nellie Swain returned Sunday the 18th from St. Louis where she had been in attendance to the bedside of her sick brother, who, on her return was much better. Duke Johnson, an I. C., brakeman was blown from a train en route to the city last Friday the 23rd inst., and was seriously injured.

News of a General Character.

Cleveland, Ohio, Special.—The recital under the management of Alex. O. Taylor at Forest Street Armory, May 21, was a decided success. Some of the leading talent of Cleveland participated. J. G. Tyler, the gifted pianist of Oberlin Conservatory, was the star of the evening. The eighth annual convention of the Christian and Missionary Alliance began a ten days' session May 23 at Mt. Zion Congregational church, Maple street. Several prominent ministers of the South and East were in attendance. Rev. W. W. Pope of Winston, N. C., preached a very able sermon to a large attendance Sunday, May 25. Rev. H. D. Prowd of Cincinnati attended the convention. Mrs. W. O. Bowles of Cleveland is president. Miss Elizabeth Lee of Charleston, S. C., is visiting her cousin, Miss Edna Anderson, Giddings avenue. Miss Lee will spend the summer here. Chaplain W. T. Anderson of the U. S. army, who just returned from service in Cuba, gave an interesting talk at St. Johns A. M. E. church, Sunday night, May 25. He will leave in a few days for Nebraska, where his regiment is stationed. Rev. C. W. Bundy, pastor of St. John A. M. E. church, preached a grand annual sermon to the Ed. N. Hallowell Post and Relief Corps No. 13, G. A. R., May 25 at 11 a. m. The veterans turned out in large numbers and St. John church was crowded. Rev. W. L. Taylor of Richmond, Va., president of the U. O. of T. R., gave an interesting talk to a large audience at St. John church Sunday afternoon, May 25, and held a grand mass meeting Tuesday night. Rev. Taylor will remain in Cleveland several days.

Brilliantly Entertained.

Mobile, Ala., Special.—The Charles Thompson Congressional Committee was much impressed at the colored enterprises shown it while in Mobile. It visited the Broad-street Academy, the State-street A. M. E. Zion Church, the welcome address was delivered by Rev. W. H. Davenport who made a great impression on the committee while the choir rendered excellent music. Mrs. L. H. Cook sang a solo of which she received the applaud by the whites waving their handkerchiefs in much joy. On the boat ride down Mobile Bay, ex-Congressman R. H. Clark was called on to speak. He gave vent to his feeling by calling the committee the Bucker-Thompson committee. Bishop W. J. Gaines was in the city last Sunday the 25th and preached at Emanuel A. M. E. Church at 11 a. m., and at Bethel 7:30 p. m. The bishop is much pleased at the wonderful progress Rev. H. N. Newsum has made in such a short time. He said Rev. M. Moreland at Bethel, is still holding up well. Decoration Day was observed here at the Magnolia Cemetary, a very large crowd was out in attendance and paid tribute to the dead heroes. The oration was delivered by Thomas Jackson, Jr., a young man of no political experience, but a master of history who evidently acquitted himself and is Mobile's coming orator.

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News Items.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.—Miss Elnora Yates left Sunday for Union City to visit friends. Miss Blanche Glenn of Indianapolis was the guest of Mrs. Penick Sunday. Mrs. Wm. Hines has returned after a week's stay in Cincinnati. Rev. L. D. Leonard was a delegate at the County Sunday School Convention held at Flat Rock this week. Messrs. Lisher Anderson and Oakley Maze were in Indianapolis, Sunday. Many of Shelbyville's people attended the Elks carnival at Columbus. Messrs Will and Robert Smith and Edward George of Indianapolis were visitors here Sunday. While attending the carnival at Columbus last week, Alex. Pearson was badly used by an unknown victim. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Montgomery and Mr. Allen Johnson attended the Odd Fellow's turn out at Rushville. Edward George will return to this city having accepted a position with the Doble & Griffin's hardware store. Robert Woodard and Steven Marshall are visiting in Louisville, Ky.

Boiled Brevities.

Louisville, Ky., Special.—Tom Taylor, of Indianapolis, is ill, and sends his regards to all. The I. O. of K. T. and Daughters of Seven will have their annual sermon preached at Center Street church June 8; picnic June 29.

There is one thing that the Negro should learn to do, and that is to spend his money with his friends, and the best friends that the Negro has are those who give him work, and not only should the Negro spend his money with those who give him work, but those who give him work should always receive the Negro's vote.

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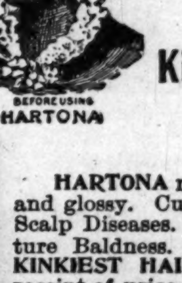

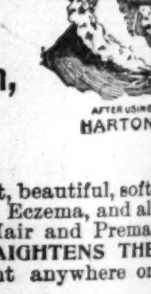

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Army and navy circles in New York city were greatly interested in the stories of the filing of Mrs. Maria Cook's will for probate on Tuesday, May 20, for she was formerly socially prominent and her husband was Capt. Augustus P. Cooke, U. S. N. Mrs. Cooke, like her husband, died in Paris. Capt. Cooke was commandant of the Brooklyn Navy Yard in 1887. He won much fame as a naval commander and retired in 1892, going to Paris to reside He died there in September, 1896. Mrs. Cooke's will, left $30,000 in trust for her maid, Jennie Jiggetts, besides providing that she receive the testatrix's diamond ring, her largest soltaire diamond ring, a sapphire and diamond neclace, three other diamonds wore by Mrs. Cooke's mother, and miniature portraits of her mother, father and husband. The beneficiary is a Negro maid about thirty-five years of age, who had faithfully served Mrs. Cooke and mother before her. The maid is now in Paris. While the relatives in this country expected the servant to be remembered they are surprised by what they regard as the extremely liberal provision and doubly annoyed at the gifts of so much valuable jewelry and of the miniatures.

Rev. Walter Thompson of the New Jersey conference, has written and published a booklet on "The Relation of Baptized Children to the Church." It is a very clear and forceful presentation of the subject and would richly repay anyone who whould give it a careful perusal.

Dr. H. Stanton McCord, a colored physician of Baltimore, Md., recently made an average of 94½ in his examination before the Maryland Board of Examiners. This is the highest average ever made by any physician since the board was established seven years ago.

The Negroes of Virginia have decided to let the courts pass upon their rights to vote. The Negroes of Alabama have already carried their case to the courts and have employed a colored lawyer to repesent them.

The raising of $10,000 by the Va. Baptist State Convention at its meeting on the 14th inst. Marks the high water point thus far reached by the colored people in an effort of this kind. This money was solicited and raised within the brief period of a year and apparently without any special hard ship on the part of the contributors. It is, indeed, a revelation of the powers that are within us and sets apace for future achievements of even greater magnitude.

The committee on labor ordered a favorable report on the bill providing for a commission to inquire into the industrial condition of the colored people of the United States. The commission is to be appointed by the President, and is to consist of five members who are to receive $3,500 per annum each. The commission is to "make a comprehensive investigation of the people of the Negro race in the United States, their educational progress, and the best means of promoting harmony between the races in the United States; said commission to investigate and report views concerning the adjustment of the trouble effecting the harmonius relations of the races,"

Dr. M. C. B. Mason, Senior Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid and Educational Society, with headquarter at Cincinnati delivered the annual commencement address at the commencement exercises of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, May 29th. People from many sections of the South were present.

A most unfortunate affair has occurred at Wilberlorce University. S. S. Curry, a student at Payne Seminary, hung himself last week. He was said to be one of the most promising student of the school and preached regularly at South Charleston, where he pastored in connection with his studies. He would have graduated in June next. His home was in Florida. No known cause can be assigned for the act except that his mind had been somewhat deranged before he weut to the school. Every one regrets the sad ending of such a promising life.

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THE "A. R. M." LETTERS.

Some one signing himself or herself "A. R. M." has been a persistent contributor to The Freeman for years. The contributions, we are sorry to admit, have more times found final lodgment on the editorial desk than in the columns of The Freeman. The following is a series of them, showing the drift of the writer's sentiment:

Dear Sir—You could do no better thing than to insist that the colored people observe the laws of the country.

A. R. M.

As you seem to have the welfare of the Afro-American at heart, more so than any other colored newspaper, I think it would be a good idea for you to make a war on the so-called "coon" songs. I will say that there is nothing the matter with the music to these songs as it is music that is characteristic of a certain race of people, but where the trouble comes in is the degrading and disgusting words. Now, I will say that if you will make a fight to have these songs known as Afro-American or Ethiopian melodies, and also contend that such words as "coon," "nigger," "darkey" and "wench" be eliminated, you will give to the Negro a powerful weapon for fighting his battles, and you will also give to Negro musicians golden opportunities for earning an honest living; and I will further state that instead of calling instrumental music of this class "rag-time" music, I would call the same by its proper name, that is "syncopated music." A. R. M.

Taking into consideration that this is a white man's country, and that he rules it by reason of his superior numbers and the superior intelligence on the part of the masses of his people, the only way that I see of solving the Negro problem in this country is by use of the military movement known as deploying or scattering out. I give below the percentage of the representation that the Negroes form of the principal States in this country, and while I do not claim that they are exactly correct, but approximately they are:

Michigan, 6-8 per cent of 1 per cent; Ohio, 2 per cent; Florida, 42 per cent; Kentucky, 6 per cent; Texas, 35 per cent; Louisiana, 51 per cent; South Carolina, 60 per cent; Missouri, 6 per cent; Mississippi, 57 per cent; Arkansas, 35 per cent; Tennessee, 35 per cent; Alabama, 44 per cent; Georgia, 44 per cent; Indiana, 1½ per cent; Illinois, 6-8 of 1 per cent; Pennsylvania, 2½ per cent; Maryland, 2½ per cent; New Jersey, ⅜ of 1 per cent; Iowa, 5½ per cent; Wisconsin, 1-7 of 1 per cent; Nebraska, ⅜ of 1 per cent; Kansas, 5 4 of 1 per cent; New York, 1½ per cent; Massachusetts, 1½ per cent.

Now I will say that if the Negroes would leave such States as Florida, South Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Georgia, where they are entirely too numerous for their own good, or until they reduced their per centage of the population to about 25 per cent, and go to such States as Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Indiana, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, Iowa, Wisconsin, Nebraska, Kansas, New York or Massachusetts, the Negro problem would be about solved, but I will say that they will make a sad mistake if they go to such cities as New York City, Chicago, Philadelphia or St. Louis. The places where they should go is almost any city of over 25,000 population, but keep out of the above four great commercial centers.

A. R. M.

One of the best ways that I know of for the Ethiopean to better his condition in this country is for him to learn to supply his own demands as much as possible. The way the average Ethiopean lives at present it is necessary for him to go to the white man and pay cash for very near everything that he consumes, and, as he belongs to a subservient race, comparatively speaking, this keeps him financially embarrassed pretty near all of the time. Now what the colored man wants to do is to buy himself some tools, such as a saw, a hatchet, a plane, etc., and depend more upon his brains and muscles for his demands and not so much on the white man. This will not only develop intelligence and thrift, but it will show the colored man's peculiar racial characteristics to the world, and will place him in a financial condition to meet those demands that he cannot possibly supply himself. A. R. M.

I wish to call the average Negro's attention to the fact that pure, unadulterated insolence on his part does more to keep him down than anything else that I know of; in fact it is more of a hindrance to his progress than his color. The Germans have a proverb which reads as follows: "Mit der Hut in der Hand geht Mann durch der ganzer Land." A free translation would be a polite man can succeed almost anywhere. I would recommend that colored school teachers, parents and preachers make a specialty of teaching politeness, cleanliness and self respect.

A. R. M.

I will say that the chief reason why the Negro is hated and despised so much in this country is because he does not supply his own demands. The white people of this country have not only to supply the demands of the white race, but they have to supply no less than seventy-five per cent of the demands of the Negro; this places on the white man's shoulders more than his share of American civilization and leaves the Negro almost in the position of a parasite. While this is not true to any great extent in the South I will say it is true in the North; in fact the Northern Negro contributes such a little to this country's welfare, from an economic standpoint, that the possibilities of the Negro are almost unknown to the average northern white man. A. R. M.

The writer, a Chicagoian, shows an intimate acquaintance with the doings of the colored people, and seems interested in their welfare.

SPORT.

Corbett gets the Decision.

Denver, May 23.—William H. Rothwell, better known to the sporting world as "Young Corbett," to night gained the decision over "Kid" Broad, of Cleveland at the end of a fast and furious fight. Broad put up a very good fight and in the ninth round had Corbett groggy, but the Denver lad came back strong and finished the round fresh. At no time was there any time lost, both men being willing to lead and force the fighting whenever necessary.

The fight to night is the third time this pair have met. The contest was for half the gross receipts, 75 per cent. of which goes to the winner and 25 to the looser, and the featherweight championship of the world. The first fight between these men was on March 22, 1901, when Broad scored a clean knockout in the ourth round. On July 26, 1901, Corbett gained the decision over Broad in a ten round fight. On both these occasions the pricipals claimed they had not been in first class shape. To night, however, the boys said they were in fine fettle. Both men fight in much the same style and are always anxious to "mix up" at close range. They weighed in at 126 pounds at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The betting was 2 to 1 on Corbett. The Colorado Athletic Club arena seats 3,000, and there were at least 4,000 persons present, every inch of standing room being taken.

Corbett showed superiority in the first second, third and fourth rounds, but Broad had a shade the better of the fifth and seventh and had Corbett groggy in the ninth. Broad seemed much stronger in the tenth. In the ninth both men came up fresh and anxious to mix it. Corbett landed left jab on the nose. Corbett put two left jabs on the ear.

They clinched. Broad ducked a left swing and then put two lefts to Corbott's face. Corbett ducked a hard right and led a right swing that Broad ducked cleverly. Broad put three left jabs to the nose in quick succession. Broad landed his left jab on Corbett's face with regularity. Corbett put his left to the jaw. Broad was aggressive and landed a stiff one on the jaw. Corbett a very light left to the nose and Broad retaliated with a stiff right to the ribs.

In the tenth round Corbett landed a hard left jab to the nose. Corbett got inside of two of Broad,s leads. Corbett was groggy after seven hard jabs on the nose, but rallied and came back with right swings to the nose. They were then fighting fast and furious at close range. Corbett put a hard lelt jab to the nose, and Broad landed his right on the wind. Corbett missed a right swing and then landed a left jab, but Broad countered with his right and left Corbett came back strong and landed two savage left jabs on the nose as the round closed.

The referee decided Corbett had won the battle. The crowd was divieed as to the justice of the decision, many hold that Board was entitled to a draw.

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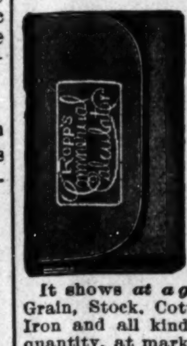

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Mr. J. D. Howard has returned to the city after two weeks' absence.

Mrs. Ora Dunlop went to Elwood, Ind., Tuesday to visit friends.

Quarterly meeting and Rally Day at Simpson Chapel to-marrow.

Prof. W. B. Buchanan of Decatur, Ala., is in the city for a few days.

Messrs. Frank Brown and Leonard Harris were in Cincinnati Sunday.

Miss Eliza Cook is visiting the Rev. J. W. Robinson and family in Chicago.

The Baptist University of Indianapolis will open on the 15th of September

Robert Moody, after an absence of several months, has returned to the city.

The Delsarte class gave an entertainment at Simpson Chapel, Friday night.

Important news items will be received at The Freeman office. Telephone No. 2880 new.

Mrs. Grant Frazier of Muncie, was in the city two days last week the guest of Robert Larrie.

W. Sherman Baldwin of Chicago, was in the city a few days this week en route to his home in Ohio.

J. L. Parker, a prominent young lawyer of Pocahontas, Va., is in the city. He will reside here permanently.

J. W. Campbell of Central City, Ky., has been in the city for a few days this week looking after the miners interests.

The little folk old folk concert at Wayman Chapel last Friday night, was a big success. Susie E. Lewis, manager.

Stands for the American Doves of Protection picnic July 4th will be sold June 14 at C. M. C. Willis' from 6 to 9 o'clock p. m.

J. E. Moreland, international secretary of the Y. M. A., gave an interesting talk last Sunday at Jones Tabernacle Church.

Next Sunday the Y. M. C. A., will have the pleasure of meeting in its own rooms at 316½ Indiana avenue. Meeting at 4 o'clock.

The Rev. and Mrs. Coleman of Franklin, Sundayed in the city—the reverend filling the pulpit morning and evening at Allen Chapel.

Rev. E. L. Gilliam has been appointed commissoner for the city of Indianapolis, to represent the Young People's Christian Congress.

A grand picnic will be given by the American Doves of Protection Lodges Nos. 1 and 4 at Armstrong Park, Friday, July 4, 1902.

Don't forget the first annual picnic of St. Phillip's Mission next Friday June 13 at Armstrong Park. All day. Take N. Indianapolis car to the gate.

Rev. B. F. Farrell of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church is one of the leading spirits in the Baptist University undertaking; he has given his personal check for $100.

Don't forget the date, June 24 at Bethany Park. The great annual outing by the A. M. E Churches of this city; a grand day in the woods. General fare, 50 cents, children 35 cents.

A grand barbecue will take place on Oak Hill, July 4th for the benefit of the Baptist University. The program will consist of speech-making by some of the best talent throughout the state. Speaking morning and afternoon.

Everybody is going to Bethany Park picnic of the A. M. E. Churches, Tuesday, June 24, 1902. General fare 50 cents, children 35 cents. Committee on arrangements—Revs. C. W. Thompson, L. W. Ratliffe, R. R. Downs.

Rev. C. N. Coggins, Field Secretary of the Negro Young People's Congress, to meet in Atlanta, Ga., was in the city this week in the interest of the movement. He reports an encouraging out look for a large attendance.

Beautiful Bethany Park is where the A. M. E Churches will hold their annual picnic. Plenty of water, shade and other conveniences. The fare is cheap and all can go. All are going, June 24. Adults 50 cents, children 35 cents.

Mrs. Drusilla Jackson formerly Drusilla Dickson, will sing with the Wayman Chapel choir while in the city. The Wayman Chapel quartette: Mrs. Drusilla Jackson, soprano; Miss Rozene Davis, allo; Wm. M. Lewis, tenor; J. Jones, bass.

The ladies of the Zenda club under the leadership of Miss Henrietta Davis, gave a cotillion Tuesday evening the 3rd at Odd-Fellows' Hall. Thirty-two couples participated in the affair which on account of its many enjoyable features will long live in the hearts of all that were present.

Everybody is invited to Allen Chapel to-morrow, Children's Day service at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Hon. G. L. Knox will deliver in part his famous lecture. The program is full and inspiring and you should not fail to see and hear the divine worship of your children, to assist them in the same.

The ladies' auxiliary of the Flanner Guild met in a pleasant session at the Guild reading room, Monday evening. This club of ladies is interested in the industrial effort being put forth by the Flanner Guild company and is composed of the following members: Mesdames Lavina Sneed, president; Minnie Scott, secretary; Henry Hart, treasurer; Lillian Henderson, president of the executive committee; and Mesdames B. J. Morgan, Lillian Brown-Jones, L. E. Guthrie, R. C. Dixon, C. A. Bennett, B. Turner and J. T. V. Hill,

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Rev. B. F. Farrell of Mt. Zion Baptist Church has secured the deeds to two of the three pieces of property that the congregation has been buying on Fayette and Twelfth streets, where they will build a new church costing $10 000 next year. The properties represent an outlay of $2,700 consisting of houses and lots. The old property which is free of incumbrance, will be converted into flats the rental of which will be applied to the indebtedness of the new church. The old church is on Lafayette and Eleventh streets. Rev. Farrell has been pastor for 14 years and his progress bespeaks his progressive spirit. He is of a normal school of Gallatin, Tenn., in which place he was a teacher in the schools. He attended Roger Williams college. He gives evidence of his schooling in his scholarly sermons and in his executive ability. H. C. Turner, chairman of the trustee board, has been one of the staunch supporters of Rev. Farrell in his very successful career.

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Grand Musical Recital.

Pontiac, Ill., Special.—The Eastern Star, Provident Order No. 11, had their annual sermon preached last Sunday at the A. M. E. church, Rev. J. W. Owsley delivering the discourse. The Young People's club will give a musical entertainment on June 8th at the A. M. E church, under the direction of Mrs. Fannie Summerville. Prof. J. Hamilton, of Chicago, was here last week on business. Mrs. Nelson presented her husband with a son on the 31st ult. Will Brown, of Cairo, was married to Miss Viola Burton, of this city, recently. Arthur Lowery, a worthy young man of our city, has been admitted to the bar to practice law.

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News of a General Character.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The Second Baptist church ran an excursion to Anderson one evening last week, and was well patronized. Dawsie Smith and Ross Chavis, of Dr. Cooper's medicine show now holding forth at Hartford City, spent Sunday in the city. L. M. Denton, D. D, president of Claflin University, together with six students from Claflin University and Meharry Medical College, rendered a very interesting program at High Street M. E. church on the 29th ult. They were raising money to erect an addition to the Manual Training school at Orangeburg, S. C. Mrs. Grace Guthrie, of S. Munroe street, is confined to her bed with rheumatism. Miss Goldie Young is also suffering with rheumatism at her home in S. Hackley street. Mrs. Reed, of Indianapolis, has been in the city the past week visiting relatives. Omer Knox and family spent Sunday in Richmond.

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A Gala Time.

Rochester, N. Y., Special.—Sunday evening, May 25, was a gala evening at the A. M. E. Zion church. Rev. J. J. Adams turned the church over to the Hester C. Jeffrey Club, which is composed of the best intelligent young ladies of Rochester. The program rendered was of a high order, which consisted of devotional exercises by Mrs. Ada Matthews, singing by the club, introductory remarks by the president, Mrs. Jeffrey, a missionary paper by Mrs. True, singing, paper on "Our Aims" by Mrs. Lymons, chairman of the executive committee, solo by Miss Melina Thomas, Rochester's prima donna, paper, the "Spring Time of Life," by Miss Abbie Franklin, a member of the Climbers club, paper, "Our Organization," by Miss Nettie Bennet, singing by the club. Mrs. Hester C. Jeffrey, who is also the president of the Susan B. Anthony Club, read a very interesting paper on the "Good Work of the Club." A paper on "Our Name and Aims" was read by Mrs. Abbie R. Mason, vice president of the Susan B. Anthony Club. The young people connected with the A. M. E. Zion church gave an enjoyable entertainment Wednesday evening, May 28, for the benefit of the pastor, who left to attend the annual conference in Ithica, N. Y. Among the participants were Misses Abbie Franklin, Kittie Mason, Melina Thomas, Mrs. J. F. Washington, Wm. Rowe and others. Mrs. John G. Lee, accompanist. The Bellmen's Club of this city will give one of their famous grand shirt waist balls Thursday evening, June 19th, at the Royal Arcanum hall. Full particulars will appear in The Freeman. L. Johnson, president; I. Curtis, vice-president; C. Pitt, secretary; I. Curtis, treasurer; J. Smith, sergeant-at-arms.

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Greenfield, Tenn., Special. — There has been considerable sickness in this community, but all sufferers are convalescing. George Flippins died on the 23d ult, and was buried at Mt. Zion. Peter Harris, a popular young brakeman on the I. C. railroad, fell between the cars on the 20th ult., and suffered the loss of an arm and a leg, from which he died. Miss Mabel Elder, of Milan, was a recent guest of her friends here. Miss Florence Edwards, Mrs Fannie Malone, Marshal Barham and A. Dobbs have returned from Martin, where they attended the District conference and Sunday School convention. The members of the C. M. E. church have greatly beautified their house of worship. Mrs. Lizzie Lotham will serve ice cream and cake on Sunday evenings as usual. All are invited.

Current News Condensed.

Albany, Ga., Special.—Rev. A. S. Clark, of Augusta, visited here several days last week. George Brown has returned home after an absence of several months. Morris O. Lee, after having graduated from the Pharmaceutical department of Howard University, Washington, D. C., has returned to the city. Miss Eva D. Woodson, of Macon, is visiting Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Waddell. Mrs. Jeff Davis and children will visit friends in Baker county next week. They will also attend the District conference which will be in session there. The colored people have organized a stock company with $2,000 capital to embark in the drug business, and will begin operation at once. M. O. Lee will be in charge. The Freeman can be purchased weekly from W. H. Phillips, who will be pleased to meet you.

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New Orleans, June 2.—Cotton easy. Sales, 2,450 bales. Ordinary, 7⅞c; good ordinary, 8⅜c; low middling, 8 13-16c; middling, 9¼c; good middling, 9 9-16c; middling fair, 10 1-16c. Receipts, 233 bales; stock, 134,788 bales.

New York, June 2.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet 1-16c lower; middling uplands, 9 7-16c; middling gulf, 9 11-16c. Sales, 11,400 bales.

New Orleans, June 3.—Cotton easy. Sales, 2,800 bales. Ordinary, 7⅞c; good ordinary, 8⅜c; low middling, 8 13-16c; middling, 9¼c; good middling, 9 9-16c; middling fair, 10 1-16c. Receipts, 2,450 bales; Stock, 137,586 bales.

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